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WILL CANADA STILL DELIVER MILITARY MATERIAL TO PAKISTAN?. King Hussein of Jordan (left) on visit to Pakistan is greeted by President Khan Monday. Pakistan promised Hussein more military aid and cannot now be considered a neutral in the Middle East conflict. (Radiophoto)

Teachers' strike possible

HEBREW SCHOOLS LACK FUNDS

Toronto community aroused; demand for support growing

Exclusive CJN report

The possibility of a Hebrew teachers' strike in Toronto is not ruled out in the near future unless the organized Jewish community finds the means to raise the salaries of those professionals, our most dedicated servants.

The Canadian Jewish News learns from impeccable sources that negotiations are scheduled between representatives of Toronto's Hebrew Teachers' Alliance and all Hebrew Day Schools and other Jewish institutions of learning.

(Other sources state that all approaches on the part of the teachers have been non-official.)

GOODWILL ON BOTH SIDES

According to our information, there is goodwill on both sides. There is a profound understanding for the plight of the Hebrew teacher on the part of those laymen responsible for the functioning of the Jewish schools and there is extreme hesitancy on the part of the teachers, mostly idealists, to deprive children of Jewish education. The problem is: there are no funds available in the Jewish community-chest for raising the teachers' salaries to a *minimum* wage.

SOLUTION POSSIBLE

Sources close to the Hebrew teaching profession and parents interested in continuing and expanding the Jewish educational system, especially in the Day Schools, say that this problem of shortage of funds could be solved to the satisfaction of both the parent and the educators if funds, the distribution of allocations are updated.

As one spokesman told this newspaper:

"The problem is not in the schools. Those running the schools would like to see a complete reallocation of priorities in our community-funds. We know, for example, that those contributing to the United Jewish Appeal are interested in supporting two causes, both equally important from the view of Jewish survival — aid to besieged Israel and Jewish education. All other efforts within the community should be supported privately by those in need of debating clubs, pressure groups and and so on."

PUBLIC DEBATE ON

For the first time a parent, mother of three children attending a Hebrew Day School, Mrs. Shirley Giblon, broke the silence imposed by certain Jewish community-relations outfits where the issue of government support for Day Schools has been under discussion for years. She demanded, in an article published by Toronto's Globe and Mail on Tuesday, that Jewish Day Schools be aided in their secular programs by government subsidies, as are other schools — public and Catholic.

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Jewish editor tells Senate:

JEWS HAD GOOD PRESS DURING WORLD WAR II; NOW THEY WANT TO SURVIVE

Ottawa. - For the first time members of the Senate of Canada had the opportunity last week to hear the voice of the independent, non-subsidized, Jewish press when M. J. Nurenberger, editor of The Canadian Jewish News, appeared before the special Senate Committee on Mass Media.

Nurenberger had been invited at the beginning of the hearings by Senator Keith Davey, chairman of the Committee, to present his views on the press and other media. However, at that time he was overseas and thus unable to deliver his paper. The invitation was renewed last month and The Canadian Jewish News editor accepted. He addressed the Committee last Wednesday at the session dealing with the Canadian weeklies.

It so happened that Nurenberger's testimony was heard a week after the appearance of A. C. Forrest, the anti-Israel editor of the United Church Observer.

Rev. Forrest made use of the occasion to disseminate extremist anti-Israeli propaganda, unwittingly following the Soviet line that all Canadian newspapers and all clergymen of Christian denomination, except for a small minority, are sold to Israel and do not see the true picture in the Middle East. He singled out the Toronto Globe and Mail for its "objective" report on the Middle East.

Before the session, Nurenberger informed Senator Davey he would participate in the discussion only if he could make a statement answering Dr. Forrest.

The Senator told the editor of The Canadian Jewish News that he supports his (Nurenberger's) right to follow Forrest with an explanation of his position; it would be considered in order.

In his address, Nurenberger told the Committee that, remarkably, the Globe and Mail had been selected by Forrest for its fair treatment of the Middle East. This compliment by Rev. Forrest, Nurenberger continued, made it imperative to analyze the entire situation.

According to a report by The Canadian Press, which was printed in almost all Canadian dailies from coast to coast, Nurenberger accused the Toronto Globe and Mail of doctoring reports it reprints from the New York Times syndicate coverage of the Middle East. Items favorable to Israel are eliminated from the text.

Also, according to The Canadian Press, Nurenberger criticized Forrest for "asperations" cast against newspapermen and churchmen in saying that some had accepted free transportation and hospitality from Israel; because of that they wrote favorably about the country.

Nurenberger also told the Committee he had visited Israel four times last year and his one free meal was at a dinner tendered by Foreign Minister Abba Eban for Secretary of State for External Affairs Mitchell Sharp.

Concerning the Globe and Mail, Nurenberger cited a frappant example of misrepresentation of news when the editors of that paper eliminated a paragraph from a James Reston story unfavorable to Nasser.

Last Thursday the Globe and Mail, in reporting the remarks by The Canadian Jewish News editor, corrected itself by publishing the paragraph omitted from the Reston story.

During his address, and in talks with individual senators, Nurenberger made the following points:

* The time has come when the world must realize that the Jews of today -- survivors of World War II -- are the Generation of Jewish Revolt.

* We all are survivors from Nazism -- whether we were here during the holocaust or had succeeded in escaping the furnace.

* For five years, it was illegal on the Continent for Jews to remain alive. The government-machinery of a most sophisticated nation was geared to the extermination of the Jewish people. Those who escaped the extermination camps acted against the law in force: every Jew -- man, woman and child -- had to die.

* Those of our Generation of the Jewish Revolution know that Hitler's "Final Solution" of the "Jewish problem" was not an accident of history but the culmination of many events and contributing factors first of which was the homelessness of our people, their lack of modern instruments of defense and the accumulation of hatred and prejudice that polluted the air in many parts of the world.

* Thus Jews rose not against a specific people or nation but against the lawlessness surrounding Historic Israel. The solution was to continue and conclude the reestablishment of a sovereign Jewish nation where every Jew could find a haven by right and not by sufferance.

* This Generation of the Jewish Revolution is immune to such hypocritical and underhanded attacks as were heard at this forum last week from a United Church clergyman; it is immune to polemics and intentional misrepresentation of Israel's case by friends of this clergyman, Toronto's Globe and Mail and the London Free Press.

* This Generation of Revolt remembers the boats carrying Jewish refugees turned back to Hitler's inferno by the governments of Canada and the United States. We had then the best press. Seas of crocodile tears from all good people surround the camps where a million-and-a-half Jewish children were gassed. Where were the pious then?

* Thus again, our Generation of Revolt has decided that the Jew will cease to be the proverbial "coward" who hates to kill, even in self defense. He will fight. So the Fighting Jew was born.

* To those who threaten Israel, this Generation says: Israel not only is a nation; it's not only Jews; it's not only an expression of courage -- but, to all of us it should represent the hope of humanity that ghettos and persecutions are not eternal.

Jerusalem and the Land of Israel have been, since the beginning of the Diaspora, a fundamental of Jewish belief. True, Jews have different opinions as to what Judaism stands for; there are various expressions and interpretations of religious observance. However, in its rapport with Israel, all Jews are inspired by one thought: the existence and preservation of the Jewish state is the primary task of this Generation. There is very little dissent as to this concept.

* By eliminating the problem of "Jewish national homelessness", Israel, the state, has liquidated the basic point of friction which existed among Jews and non-Jews for two thousand years. It has established new dimensions, a new approach among Jews and non-Jews the world over, conducive to coexistence; it inaugurated a new era in human history. The battle against the preservation of Israel is basically one of the last antisemitic bigots left in our society, bigots who changed the semantics only: antisemitism has become anti-Zionism; but the aim persists -- to prevent coexistence among Jews and non-Jews.

Israel and antisemitism are not a Jewish problem. Any conspiracy against Israel is the world's problem, as was Hitler's conspiracy.

While promoting coexistence, one should never forget that without Russian encouragement the parties confronting each other on the battlefield of the Middle East would face each other at the peace table.

Close to one-hundred editors and publishers of Canadian weeklies, both English and French, participated in this session.

Following the address by Nurenberger, Prof. Yves Gagnon, new dean of the School of Journalism of Laval University and president of Les Hebdos du Canada, rose to state that he fully supported Nurenberger's statement with relation to the Jewish problem.

Alluding to the main topic of the session -- the role of an editor in a community -- Nurenberger said he does not believe the role of a newspaperman or writer is that of leader of a group; he should not be susceptible to flattery, not be in a position to dethrone idols and must be able to maintain his independence.

Also, the project for the creation of a press council seems to be an important step towards the equation of newspapers to the level of our more educated generation.

To a certain degree, Nurenberger concluded, a newspaper is an institution of adult education. While safeguarding the free press, newspapers should not be edited by public relations professionals or representatives of pressure groups. If a newspaper is an institution of adult education, the teacher must be qualified.

BEGIN TO SPEAK IN TORONTO

Toronto will welcome Menahem Begin, prominent Israeli Cabinet minister and leader of his country's second largest political party, Monday evening, March 23rd, at Beth Tzedec.

Begin, who became famous when he led Israel's underground Irgun against British occupation of the Holy Land, will be the guest of the Allied Construction Division of UJA-ISF.

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QUAKERS PUZZLE U.S. JEWS

Washington (JCNS). -- Members of Congress who recently signed declarations favoring direct Arab-Israel peace negotiations have been receiving protests from the Friends Committee on National Legislation, the lobbying arm of the Quakers.

The organization has been distributing a 20,000-word memordandum sharply attacking Israel's insistence on direct negotiations. It was prepared by a working party of American and Canadian Friends, acting in association with the Friends Service Council (London) and the Friends World Committee for Consultation.

While the Friends profess to be the friends of both Arabs and Jews, their "peace settlement" accepts major Arab demands.

They propose: that Israel withdraw from all territories occupied in the Six Day War, except for the Jewish parts of the Old City; that occupied territories be placed under U.N. trusteeship; that U.N. forces occupy demilitarized areas; that the Palestinian Arabs be permitted "self-determination" and be allowed to opt for repatriation.

The Quakers recommend that the Israelis "cease their opposition to the Big Four talks and lay aside their insistence on immediate direct negotiations. . .Otherwise the conclusion is inescapable that the Israeli Government really prefers the indefinite prolongation of a no-peace-and-no-war situation."

They appeal to the Israelis "to reassess their present policy of seeking security -- primarily through what the Israeli Defense Minister, Moshe Dayan, has termed 'secure and strategic boundaries'" and to "realize the fruitlessness of. . . past rigid policies, and recognize the obligation as military victor in past combats to make the first move towards peace."

Teaching profession in Toronto schools grossly underpaid; institutions in danger

BY STEPHEN BARRY, CJN REPORTER

The quality of Hebrew education in Toronto is in serious danger of declining and, according to a source close to the Hebrew teachers' union here, may disappear completely in the next twenty years unless serious consideration is given to increasing teachers' salaries.

The organization has stated that a strike by Hebrew teachers cannot be ruled out if the forthcoming negotiations between teachers and the boards of the various Hebrew schools are not concluded to their satisfaction.

The union has published figures comparing salary scales in Toronto with those of major United States cities. The claim that while a graduate Hebrew teacher in Toronto starts at a salary of $3,000.00, his counterpart in Chicago receives $6,500.00 and in Columbus, $8,000.00.

They also compare their salaries with those of public and high school teachers in Toronto. The current minimum salary for a public school teacher beginning at the lowest level, with only one year of teacher-training after high school, is $5,200.00. A teacher at the lowest level in high school earns $6,800.00. In both these cases the maximum salary is $14,400.00, almost two-and-a-half times the maximum of Hebrew school teachers.

Teachers refer to the organized Jewish community in Toronto as one of the least generous in the world regarding education. "We have millions with which to build fine synagogues, we raise millions for other urgent and less important drives, but when it comes to pay Hebrew teachers they constantly refuse to allow them a living, decent wage."

To assure the future of Hebrew education in Toronto, teachers appeal for a decent salary scale which will attract capable and intelligent professionals. Unless this is done, they say, "teaching Hebrew school in Toronto is a dying profession!"

Commentary

BY M. J. NURENBERGER

WHAT HAPPENED TO OUR IMAGE?

Those who read last week the editorial in Time Magazine (Is There a Jewish Foreign Policy?) probably wonder what happened to our image in the larger North American community. Many may want to know whether the anti-Pompidou demonstrations really alienated us from some of our former friends. Others will say that perhaps these demonstrations would have been more effective had the leaders of the American Jewish community either disassociated themselves from them or else left Miami Beach for a few days to lead these marching crowds as had the late Martin Luther King in defense of the Negro. Others will be even more acrimonious when they insist that, had the Prime Minister of South Africa been the official guest of President Nixon, probably hundreds of thousands of Negroes would have paraded on Park Avenue. Had it been so, Nixon would have found it difficult to apologize for those "who do not represent the American people."

However, what occurred during the Pompidou days illustrates the lack of coordination among presidents of Jewish organizations. Apparently, up to the last moment the Jewish leaders were uncertain whether or not to demonstrate.

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Something similar is happening in Canada.

In Ottawa last week, I was profoundly disturbed by the lack of information among some outstanding Canadian statesmen, men of goodwill, about Israel's true position.

Prior to my appearance at the Senate Committee on Mass Media, a senator approached me, saying she had been impressed by Forrest's statements on the lack of objectivity in the Canadian press. I hope I succeeded in explaining the facts to her.

I found similar misunderstanding of the Jewish position among other parliamentarians and newspaper editors, especially among French Canadians.

I wondered how long we could tolerate this discrepancy between the performance of Israel on the battlefield and the inept information of the public concerning the basic issue involved in the Middle East conflict: Israel's right to survive.

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For example: I discussed with a Canadian leader the question of why Israel would not evacuate occupied territory without a peace treaty — if she's ready to withdraw. My answer, I hope, was understood.

As I see it, all that would happen in such a situation is: the terrorists would occupy the West Bank, they would be able to harass Israel from a position ten miles from Tel Aviv and the Syrians would resume their bombardment from the Golan Heights. Israel's strategic "advantage" would then be similar to its political helplessness following the hijacking of planes or the murder of air passengers.

Without negotiations between Israelis and Arabs — the only ones involved in this conflict, — without a peace treaty, there can be no end to the conflict. No problem can be discussed — whether the plight of refugee-Arabs in the camps and refugee-Jews from Arab lands — unless these two nations sit down at the negotiating table.

Foreign intervention never succeeded in eliminating strife.

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The basic problem in public relations is our failure to mobilize non-Jewish friends, the silent majority, who sympathize with Israel's plight.

What prompted Time Magazine to editorialize on the three percent Americans who back Israel was the fact that Israel's enemies succeeded in reducing the Middle East situation into a Jewish issue. This misunderstanding was one of the causes of the World War II holocaust.

All who support the Moscow campaign against "Zionists" are stressing the *Jewish* aspect of Israel's struggle. They emulate the Nazis, even to the point of eliminating, in international negotiations, any points of contention, offering concessions in other areas so that the pressure against Israel is accepted.

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Pompidou, on his American visit, tried to sell the idea that once the United States accepts the Libya-deal, the other problems would become minor. Even in relation to Canada, Schumann offered Secretary Pelletier a new proposition suitable for Canada so that Ottawa swallow the Tripoli medicine.

Moscow, super-master of deceit, will cover its designs in Czechoslovakia with "anti-Zionist" propaganda.

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I repeat what I said upon another occasion: the Rabbis of Old taught us that a calamity which is a Jewish calamity *only* is no calamity at all; but a world calamity is a Jewish calamity as well.

The conspiracy of pressure against Israel, to give up its strategic negotiating strength, if successful could lead to a world calamity.

M.J. NURENBERGER, CJN EDITOR, ADDRESSING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON MEDIA: "We are the Generation of Jewish revolt."

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TORONTO SYNAGOGUES AND ORGANIZATIONS

MEETING FOR PARENTS
A meeting for parents interested in a day school will be held at Beth Tzedec, Thursday evening, April 9th, in the board room. Discussed will be the educational program and philosophy of the United Synagogue Day School.

The United Synagogue Day School is sponsored by all the Conservative synagogues of Toronto.

SYMPOSIUM
A symposium will be held at the Jewish Public Library auditorium, Wednesday evening, March 25th, Topic: How Jewish is the Jewish State?

Dr. Israel Frankel is executive director of the library.

ONEG SHABBAT
Farband Labor Zionist Order, Toronto, will tender an Oneg Shabbat next Friday evening, March 27th, at the center. Joshua Altman will speak on Iyov. Two guest artists, an Israeli accordionist and a singer, will entertain.

COUNCIL EXECUTIVE
The Toronto Council Executive for 1970 is as follows: Harry Berns, immediate past president; Ralph Etigson, president; Sam Shulman, vice president; Mel Olsberg, secretary; Frank Warner, executive secretary; Dave Kirshenbaum, treasurer.

MET
The Study Institute of Beth Am held a meeting recently.

VISITED HOME
Shomrai Shabot Men's Club, in conjunction with Beth Am Men's Club, visited St. John's Convalescent Home recently.

TO CHAIR CONFAB
Henry Steinberg of Montreal will chair the second national convention of the Federated Zionist Organization of Canada, April 10-13, in Montreal.

Nachman Sokol of Toronto was elected unanimously as delegate promotion chairman from this region. Arieh L. Pincus of the Jewish Agency Executive will be keynote speaker at the banquet.

COMMENCEMENT
Commencement exercises of the Jewish Teachers' Seminary (Midrasha L'Morim) will be held on Sunday afternoon, March 29th, in the auditorium of the Associated Hebrew Schools.

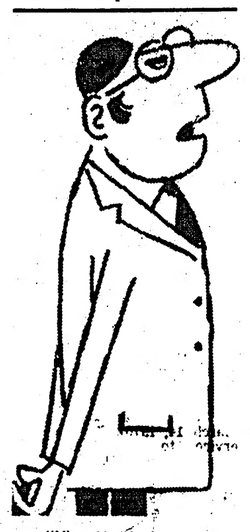
Twenty teachers will receive diplomas, marking the formal completion of their studies. Including the present graduating class, one-hundred-fifty-four teachers will have been graduated from the Midrasha since its inception.

For the first fifteen years, the office of chairman was held by David E. Newman, Q.C. At present Robert B. Eisen is chairman of the board. One of the earliest supporters and a founder of the Midrasha was the late J. Irving Oelbaum.

Cosponsored by the Board of Jewish Education and Canadian Jewish Congress, the Midrasha is headed by Rabbi Irwin E. Witty, also executive director of the Board of Jewish Education. Previous head was Dr. Joseph Diamond, now Dean Emeritus. Dr. Solomon B. Ullman is registrar.

Dr. David Mirsky, dean of Stern College, will be guest speaker.

NEW CAMP COUNSELOR. - Rabbi Hillel Sittner, a faculty member of the Mechina of Ner Israel Rabbinical College in Baltimore, who is the new counselor of Toronto's Camp Agudah.



"Mine Hymie is a smart boy. He's just joined the permissive society at his college."

JOINS STAFF OF LEADING ORGANIZATION. - Asher Shulman, native Torontonian, who has returned from his post of teaching hand-to-hand fighting in a military camp near Haifa. He now is a member of the professional staff on the city's State of Israel Bond Organization, to mobilize vital investment funds for Israel in the field of economic development programs.

40 PERCENT OF ISRAEL'S BUDGET FOR DEFENSE

Tel Aviv, JCNS. - About 40 percent of Israel's record budget of $3,570 million was required for defense and the Israeli public must "face reality" to make the Government's financial measures work, Pinhas Sapir, the Finance Minister, told the Knesset last week.

He said: "The Government has not yet asked for everything it can demand. It may yet ask for much more (from the public).

"Our present policy is destined to prevent a further rise in the standard of living. Should this policy not be carried through successfully there will be no escape from measures greatly lowering the standard of living.

"Should defense and absorption (immigration) needs continue to rise, there will be no choice but to impose further taxes and make new demands on the public.

"Let us abandon fantasy and illusions and adapt our lives to reality."

Sapir said that 25 percent of Israel's national output was spent on defense compared with 10 percent "only" in 1964, and that 60 percent of the current foreign trade deficit was caused by the import of defense supplies.

The Minister appealed to the defense establishment to cut costs by increasing efficiency and said that he expected Israeli exports to increase this year by eleven percent.

Brazil has trouble with refugees

Rio de Janeiro (JCNS). - Too many Arab refugees are emigrating from the Middle East to Brazil, in the view of some Arab States, and Syria has criticized the Brazilian Government for making it "too easy" for Arab refugees to settle there.

According to Arab sources, the Egyptian, Syrian, Lebanese and Algerian Ambassadors in Rio de Janeiro have accused Brazil of following a policy of aiding Israel indirectly by "giving Palestinians every help in settling in Brazil."

The Cairo-based Middle East News Agency went one better, claiming that Brazil's immigration policy was causing "Palestine to be emptied of its Arab inhabitants."

GUEST SPEAKER. - Dr. David Mirsky, Dean of Stern College, Yeshiva University, and an authority on American literature, who will be guest speaker at the tenth biennial Commencement Exercises of the Toronto Jewish Teachers' Seminary, Sunday afternoon, March 29th, in the auditorium of the Associated Hebrew Schools.

A meeting of
Toronto Chug Aliyah
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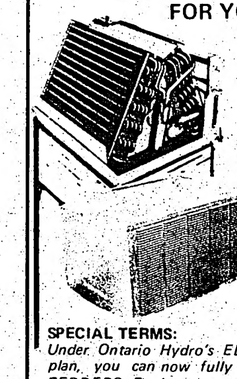

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HISTADRUT '70

Toronto groups active

Bernard Morris of Montreal, national director of the Canadian Histadrut Campaign, reported on his recent trip to Israel at a gathering of Histadrut workers, March 2nd, at Toronto's Labor Zionist Center.

In his extensive tour of the country, Mr. Morris stated, it was most gratifying to see the many diversified projects sponsored by the Canadian Histadrut Campaign. He urged intensified support of the Histadrut and its institutions, which are so essential in these critical times for the normal day-to-day functioning of the Jewish State as well as for purposes of defense.

HISTADRUT FOLK DELEGATION FOR ISRAEL
On April 16, a folk delegation will leave for Israel, consisting of seventy representatives from various folk organizations in Toronto. The delegation will dedicate and visit projects in Israel sponsored by the Histadrut, such as the Senator David Croll Vocational School in Tiberias; the cultural center in Ashdot Yaacov sponsored by the College Memorial Chapel; the medical clinic in Karkur sponsored by the Pultusker Society; the Massuah project in Kibbutz Tel Itzhak; the Farband Medical Center in Kfar Shalem; the cultural center in Herzlia sponsored by the Windsor Histadrut Campaign and the medical center in Tivon sponsored by the New Fraternal Jewish Association.

Participating in the delegation will be Senator David Croll; Alex Grossman, Massuah committee chairman; Sam Cohen, president of the College Memorial Chapel; Ralph Rotman, past-president of the Toronto Histadrut Campaign; David Green, president, Hebrew National Association; David Zweig and Sam Levenstein, of Branch 124, Farband Labor Zionist Order; Jerry Spivak, Branch 138, FLZO; Benny Goldglas, vice-president, United Organization for Histadrut; Sam Bierstone, past-chairman, UOFH; Leslie Ungar, executive-committee member of the Wallenberg Memorial Project sponsored by Hungarian-speaking Jews; H. Cooper, executive Committee member, UOFH and Jacob Egit of the Histadrut. The Women's Council, UOFH will be represented by Mrs. Ruth Upfal, secretary and Mrs. Rose Bierstone, treasurer.

The delegation consists of 75 people.

ORGANIZATIONS INCREASE EFFORT TO MARK HISTADRUT'S 50TH JUBILEE
All sectors of the Labor Zionist Movement and Organizations affiliated with the Histadrut have made a special effort to increase their contributions to the campaign in this 50th year since the founding of Israel's Labor Federation.

The Farband Labor Zionist Order had already reached 75 percent of its goal of $100,000 for the medical center in Kfar Shalem. Chairman of the Farband Histadrut Committee is Meyer Mandel.

The Independent Worker's Circle - Achudt Ha'avodah has substantially increased its efforts on behalf of Histadrut. Chairman of the Histadrut Committee is M. Pizel.

The United Organization For Histadrut under the chairmanship of Julius Ciechanowski, has undertaken to raise $50,000 towards the electronic and aeronautical department of the Senator David Croll Trade School in Tiberias.

The Women's Council, UOFH, Mrs. Anne Glass, chairman, has made strenuous efforts to double its past contributions to the Histadrut through such activities as theater nights, an annual Teal and various other means.

Other Organizations that have undertaken special projects in Israel through the Histadrut are the Warshover-Lodzer, Ostrovtzer Mutal Benefit Society, Rachover Landsmanshaft and the Hungarian-speaking Jews of Toronto.

AMAL SCHOLARSHIPS
Through the generosity of friends of the Histadrut and the many societies and landsmanshaften participating in the Amal scholarship pro- scholarships have been made available to young people in Israel, enabling them to attend the Amal Trade and Vocational Schools of the Histadrut. Skilled workers are at a premium in Israel and Histadrut can be justly proud of its network of vocational training schools that provides the manpower so essential for the functioning of the State.

Montreal drive in full swing

Nearly one hundred canvassers turned out recently to the Kick-off Rally of the 1970 Jubilee Montreal Campaign. Dr. Joseph Kage, National Executive Vice-President of the Jewish Immigrant Aid Services of Canada, demonstrated in his most enlightening discourse, how it was the Histadrut, through its various components and agencies that really built Israel and continues to play a most vital role in Medinat Israel.

Bernard Morris, National Executive Director of the Canadian Histadrut Campaign gave a highly informative report on new Histadrut activities and projects. "During my recent trip to Israel," Mr. Morris remarked, "I could not help but notice unfinished buildings -- incompleted clinics and laboratories in Beersheva, and in the Galil; a vocational training school without equipment in Naharia; an unfurnished synagogue in Kiryat Segal -- unfinished because of no available funds". He stated that Israel needs much more money if the many institutions which have already been planned and in many cases almost complete, can function.

Mr. Sam Shapiro

Sol Goldstein, Chairman of the Eastern Region of the Campaign as well as Sam Shapiro, Montreal Histadrut Chairman, strongly encourage the canvassers to cover every one of their cards within the next few weeks. "Israel cannot wait", said Sam Shapiro, "she needs your help desperately and she needs it now".

Isaac Tulchinsky, Farband Histadrut Division Chairman and Chairman of the Rally, closed the gathering by urging everyone to do their utmost to make the Jubilee Year of Histadrut a tremendous success.

AMAL
The Amal Trade and Vocational Schools are comprised of a network of educational institutions throughout Israel dedicated to the training of contemporary chalutzim -- those who will find their future in the very sinew of Israel's strength. . aeronautics, argo mechanics, electronics, industrial and office administration, toolmaking, printing, refrigeration, industrial textile knitting spinning and weaving.

Amal operates seventeen vocational and comprehensive high schools, seven apprentice schools, three industrial schools for thousands of ambitious and intelligent young boys and girls who seek a productive and fulfilling future as Israel's technologist of tomorrow.

The Histadrut Scholarship Fund makes it possible for these students to continue their training towards the attainment of these goals. There are many worthy causes in Israel today seeking the support of Jewry throughout the world. A gift that will help "train the hand that builds the land" is perhaps the most noble.

The Canadian Histadrut Campaign has helped build 11 Amal Schools in Israel. At the present moment the largest school in the network is being constructed through the Canadian Histadrut Campaign in the Trans Yarkon district of Tel Aviv. Upon completion it will have an enrollment of 2000.

DATES TO REMEMBER
THURSDAY, APRIL 23rd - 8:00 P.M. Auditorium Chevra Kadisha HISTADRUT THIRD SEDER
TUESDAY, MAY 19th - 6:30 P.M. Shaar Hashamayim Synagogue JUBILEE HISTADRUT DINNER.

Accused of murdering pilot

Jerusalem (JCNS) -- Captain Dov Peleg, an Israeli pilot, was killed by the Egyptians on the ground, after bailing out of his burning aircraft over Egypt in January. Informing the Knesset of this last week, Mr. Moshe Dayan, the Israeli Defence Minister, said that a post-mortem examination had proved this. The examination had been made when Captain Peleg's body was returned by the Egyptians a few weeks ago, Mr. Dayan said. It showed that the Israeli pilot had been fired on while parachuting down, and that he had already reached the ground when he was hit by the fatal bullet.

Mr. Dayan made these further points: Since the Six-Day War, Arab terrorists had killed 89 Arabs, 54 of them in the Gaza Strip; during the same period Israeli forces killed 586 terrorists and captured and imprisoned 2,600 terrorists and suspects; the Israeli Air Force sometimes uses napalm in raids on military targets in Egypt, but none was used in the attack on Abu Azzbal, some weeks ago.

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SYRIA'S PROVOCATIVE MIDEAST ROLE

Tel Aviv. - Since the Six Day War, Syria has played a double role regarding Israel. On the one hand, it has refused to meet the U.N. representative, Dr. Gunnar Jarring, unlike Egypt and Jordan. On the other hand, it suppressed the rule of Terrorists in its country and on the border between Israel and Syria.

The situation changed when the terrorists forced the TWA plane with the two kidnapped Israelis, Prof. Samuelson and Mualem, to Damascus. The appeals of many international political leaders, managers of TWA and other international authorities did not succeed in persuading Syria to release the two Israelis.

At first Syria demanded the release of its two Syrian pilots who were captured approximately eighteen months ago with two Mig-17 planes en route to Israel.

Israel refused to meet this demand, fearing that terrorists would continue to kidnap civilian planes and then demand the release of captured terrorists in exchange. Syria learned that the world was ready to put up with its support of air piracy and even to elect a Syrian representative as a new member of the Security Council.

Zahal could have taught Syria a proper lesson but it did not wish to endanger the life of Prof. Samuelson and Mualem. The affair ended with a double transaction with Syria and Egypt. Israel released the two Syrian pilots, a few Egyptian soldiers and citizens as well as some terrorists. Syria set free the two Israeli citizens and Egypt returned, with the aid of the Red Cross, the two wounded Israeli pilots, Nissim Ashkenazi and Giora Rom, captured during an air raid on Egypt.

Israel lodged a strong complaint to the U.N. stating that the wounded Israeli pilots had not received during the time of their captivity in Egypt the treatment and medical help prescribed by the Geneva Convention.

The exchange of prisoners gave Syria courage. It started to "heat" the border line and shell Israeli kibbutz settlements, the Golan Heights, Zahal patrols, and other strategic spots. Syria also had transferred a great number of terrorists to Lebanon to create a tense situation on the Israeli-Lebanese border and to endanger the stability of the Lebanese regime.

It resulted that the leaders in Damascus forgot Israel is accustomed to pay its "debts". Syria, which recently built modern airfields, realized that these could be destroyed in a few minutes.

When Syria's affront reached its peak, Zahal "went" to Damascus where it met the Syrian Air Force, downing three Migs, two Mig-17s and one Mig-21. Two Syrian pilots were killed. The inhabitants of Damascus saw the air clashes from the roofs of the capital. Damascus reported that the Israeli Air Force attacked airfields and other military targets. Heavy

Teachers' strike possible

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Indirectly this parent endorsed the stand of The Canadian Jewish News which, for years, has been demanding government support for Day Schools. The Canadian Jewish News, in many editorials which appeared during the last ten years, stressed the uncontestable fact that, unless such aid from the government is forthcoming, the Jewish Day Schools will disappear, or become private schools for the rich. The entire purpose of the Jewish Day School, to guarantee Jewish survival through education, then will be lost.

CJC BURIES RESOLUTION

In Toronto, bureaucrats in the Canadian Jewish Congress succeeded a few years ago in burying a resolution adopted by a meeting of Jewish organizations, under its sponsorship, which voted for asking the provincial government to subsidize Day Schools.

Some bureaucrats, opposed to subsidies, have made every effort possible, at the expense of Jewish public funds so sorely needed for Jewish education, to withhold from the public the knowledge that all Jewish parents interested in integral Jewish education demand their taxpayers-share for the Day Schools.

One organization, Ontario's Canadian Jewish Congress, in order to prolong the debate, appointed a committee to prepare memoranda.

However, the need of the Jewish Day Schools is so urgent, that all these moves of concealing the issue – that the Jewish community is not united on Hebrew Day Schools as it is not united on other religious problems – finally has broken into the general community when a Jewish mother, perturbed by this situation, found it necessary to reveal the facts to the public in general.

The discussion clubs here continue. But it seems that the thaw has begun; the ice will melt. At last the Government of Ontario knows that many thousands of Jewish parents feel their schools do not receive the share coming to them.

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Nixon vs. Israel

by the CJN diplomatic editor

Reports from Jerusalem and Washington indicate that, officially at least, President Richard Nixon has decided to withhold further deliveries of supersonic fighter-bombers and Skyhawks to Israel.

(As this report is filed Tuesday evening, America awaits a statement from the White House. However the last report is that the U.S. asked Israel to withhold information on any future deliveries.)

Washington is reported to believe Israel does not need at this moment any new military equipment. Also, according to some sources, Pompidou, during his visit to the United States, had "assured" the American President that Russia would not send any additional arms to Egypt if the United States discontinues, temporarily at least, its shipments.

Other sources at the United Nations explain the semiofficial reports from Washington, about withholding deliveries of Phantoms and Skyhawks, as the result of the renewal of the Jarring Mission.

UN Mediator Jarring believes there is a chance for "indirect" negotiations between Israel and the Arab countries if no arms are shipped for the moment to any party to the conflict.

In Jerusalem reliable sources denied this information as stemming from French Foreign Minister Schumann in order to neutralize America. There is no sign, informed Israelis say, that Moscow has stopped delivering war material to Cairo.

(Washington also rejects any information about Soviet change of policy.)

Diplomatic circles believe that the American position is to pressure the Jewish state into accepting a package-deal. Washington reportedly demands from Jerusalem that she sign the nuclear, non-proliferation treaty, committing her not to produce any nuclear weapons, and also to make political concessions. These concessions would include the agreement in principle to far reaching border changes as well as on the issue of Arab refugees.

The mood in Jerusalem is one of defiance.

Israel continues her military operations on the Egyptian border and against the terrorists in Jordan and Syria.

Israelis say "concessions" would lead them nowhere. The inaction of civilized nations against countries hiding the perpetrators of the most heinous crimes involving airplanes show there is no reward in disarmament.

They still believe the United States would not accept Russia's demand for unconditional Israeli retreat from occupied territories.

German police on trail

London (JCNS) -- While Swiss investigators reported the discovery of clear evidence that the February 21 crash of a Swissair Coronado was due to sabotage, and the German police uncovered evidence of an Arab terrorist underground in the Federal Republic, a spokesman for the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine declared that the attacks on aircraft of Israel and her "imperialist allies" would continue whether other Palestinian organisations liked it or not.

Swiss investigators announced that they had found evidence that the crash in the Swissair Coronado, which cost the lives of all 47 people on board, had been caused by an explosion set off by a Japanese-made altimeter.

A similar altimeter, set to detonate explosives when the aircraft reached a pre-determined height, was responsible for an explosion in an aircraft of Austrian Airlines, but the pilot managed to bring his passengers down safely.

German police, who are working with the Swiss on inquiries into the Austrian and Swiss aircraft disasters, have uncovered evidence which indicates the existence of an Arab terror group in West Germany.

List of addresses found on three Arabs recently arrested in Munich on suspicion of planning to hijack an Israeli airliner, have been checked and are said to have revealed close contact and co-operation between a large number of Arabs in many parts of the Federal Republic.

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Feast of Purim: Sunday, March 22nd
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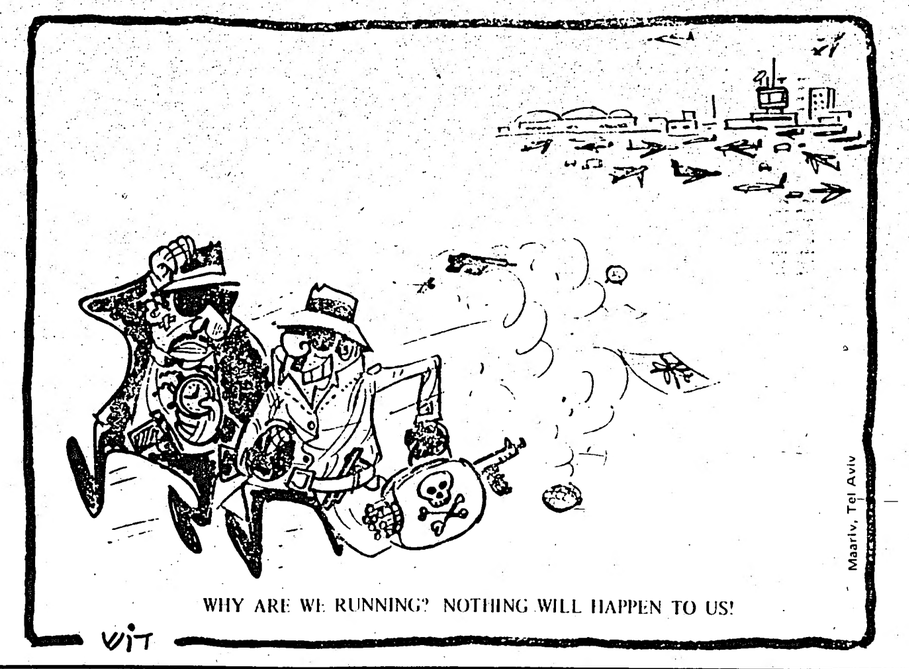

WHY ARE WE RUNNING? NOTHING WILL HAPPEN TO US!

ASK THE RABBI
A JCNS featurette

Q. Why is the Megillah read in synagogue evening and morning on Purim, while the other scrolls (Lamentations, etc) are only read once?

A. We find in the Talmud (Megilla 4a): "R. Joshua b. Levi said: It is the duty of a man to read the Megilla in the evening and to repeat it in the day, as it is written: 'O my God, I cry in the daytime, but Thou answerest not, and in the night season and I am not silent' (Psalms, 22,3)." This Psalm as Rashi observes, was taken by the rabbis as referring to Esther. On the basis of this and another similar passage Maimonides (Yad, Megilla, 1,3) rules: "It is a religious duty to read the Megilla both at night and during the day. The night reading can be performed at any time during the night and the day reading at any time during the day". Incidentally, in some communities the book of Lamentations, too, is read again during the morning service.

Q. Why is Hallel not recited on Purim?

A. A number of explanations are given in the sources. In the first place, the reading of the Megillah is itself a form of thanksgiving and praise. Further, Hallel is recited only for miracles that occurred in the land of Israel, while the events of Purim took place in Persia. Finally, the first chapter of Hallel (Psalms, 113) says: "Praise ye the Lord, praise ye servants of the Lord. . ." Whereas the Jews of Persia were servants of Ahasuerus.

Q. How can a Cohen who openly profanes the Sabbath stand before the Ark and bless the congregation? Is this not hypocrisy?

A. Maimonides (Yad, Tefilla 15, 6-7) rules that unless a Cohen has been guilty of idolatry or murder he can bless the congregation even if he is a sinner. To perform this office is a mitzva, to deprive him of which is to add to his offences. "You should not be surprised and argue, of what use can the blessing of such an unworthy person be? For the blessing does not depend on the Cohanim but on the Holy One, blessed be He, as it is said: 'So shall they put My name upon the children of Israel, and I will bless them' (Numbers 6, 27). The Cohanim carry out the precept they have to perform and the Holy One, blessed be He, in His mercy blesses Israel as He desires". However, in many communities Cohanim who openly profane the Sabbath are not allowed to give the priestly blessing.

Teacher Of Our Generation

BEGIN

". . . But Mordecai bowed not, nor did him reverence."
Book of Esther, 3:2

It perhaps is most fitting to welcome Menahem Begin in Toronto during the days of our Purim festival. For, as some of us tend to forget, the lesson contained in the Megillah, to be learned by all generations is: one never should bow before a tyrant no matter how mighty. It is resistance to tyranny that is the theme of Purim. It is the lesson that Jews throughout history became not only martyrs but heroic conquerors in wars of liberation.

The struggle of Mordecai against Haman is a recurring appearance in our history. In the years preceding the establishment of the State of Israel, it inspired the movement to free the Land of Israel from the foreign occupant.

It may conveniently be forgotten by our opponents, but nontheless it will be recorded by history that in the darkest hour of imperialist oppression in the Holy Land and cruelty towards the survivors of the extermination camps who were barred entry into the Promised Land, the Irgun led by Manahem Begin staged the first successful anti-colonialist revolt in the Middle East.

It may also be stressed that many Arabs joined this battle in freeing Palestine from the foreign yoke.

Unfortunately, later on there were demagogues who roused Arabs to flee Israel. Had they remained, they would have been free citizens of the Jewish-state as are those living in Nazareth, Haifa, Acre and Jerusalem.

Perhaps Begin, during his Toronto visit will remind us of another verse in the Megillah.

When Mordecai transmitted a message to Queen Esther to act on behalf of her fellow-Jews, he, in the words of the scripture, told her:

". . . Think not with thyself that thou shalt escape in the king's house, more than all the Jews."

There is no escape from our rendezvous with Israel's destiny. Menahem Begin, one of the leaders of Israel's Government of National Unity, and an architect of the unity of his people, will be greeted by all of us as the one who symbolizes our determination to safeguard the regained Jewish homeland.

Not only is it true that liberty is not given but also that liberty always must be defended against those who are irritated by its appeal to the heart of true man.

BOURGUIBA PLAN

Is there a chance for dialogue between Israel and the Arab terrorist group Al Fatah?

Habib Bourguiba Junior, son of the Tunisian monarch, thinks the possibility may exist.

He made this view known recently during a visit to the West German capital, Bonn.

Bourguiba, Jr., Minister of Foreign Affairs for Tunisia, ruled himself out as a possible intermediary in the Arab-Israel conflict. He admitted that his government had very definite prejudices on this question and could not be expected to act as a neutral power.

A dialogue between Israelis and "Palestinian nationalists" is admittedly difficult to conceive of but is not impossible, argued Bourguiba. "Our own experience has shown us that people who were called terrorists, bandits and agitators, can become qualified spokesmen."

The same process may permit the Al Fatah group to function as bona fide negotiators some day.

25th Anniversary

By ELIZABETH EPPLER

THE LIBERATION OF BUDAPEST

One often feels that one's own memories are unique, or that at least those of one's own generation are unlike those of previous ones. The collective Jewish experience of the past 40 years perhaps justifies this claim.

Going about one's daily business, wrestling with the agonising questions of today, one is at times shocked into the realisation that one's own experiences have become part of history, that an event of the past one hoped never to forget is now but an historical date. Such a date was the liberation of Budapest 25 years ago.

In actual fact, the liberation of the whole city was for the Jews if not an anticlimax, at least an event much less portentous than the liberation of the left bank, the Pest side of the Danube a month earlier. For it was on January 18, 1945, that the Red Army gained control of the whole of the left bank of the Danube and were held up by slowly moving ice that covered the river and the blown-up bridges left behind by the retreating Nazis.

For the Jews in the ghetto, in the so-called protected houses, or hiding with false papers, January 18, 1945, was the day of liberation. How can one describe that day at a distance of 25 years?

There is one picture that remains engraved upon the screen of my memory and which I hope I shall never forget, for I still remember my immediate reaction as I saw the wooden fence surrounding the ghetto come down under the impact of carefully advancing Russian tanks and armoured cars. From these the soldiers of the Red Army jumped down to help the emaciated, the old, the weak, to carry their miserable bones and few belongings out of this confined existence to freedom. I thought then, this is what the exodus from Egypt must have been like.

The Budapest ghetto in 1945 after its evacuation by the Germans

The realisation that it was all over, that the months of indescribable fear had come to an end, blotted out every other sensation. The relief one felt was so overwhelming that one did not even try to think. That came hours, even days later.

DEVASTATED CITY

With the exception of a very few, all the surviving Jews had been living away from their own homes. This meant that all tried, within a matter of hours, to return home. As one started on the way to a home abandoned months earlier and came face to face with the devastated city, saw the mountains of rubble and snow, the torn-down tram cables, the streets littered with human and animal corpses, bombed-out houses burned down and many still burning, another kind of fear gripped one: would one's home still be standing?

As one dragged oneself along this ruined city amid the sound of bombardment - the siege of the right-bank, the Buda side had only just begun - one's emotions began to unfreeze. As I looked around those war-torn streets, I noticed a curious emptiness. There were few people about, and I asked myself where all the brave Hungarians were who had driven the Jews into the ghetto, on the long marches to the German frontier and to the frozen waters of the Danube, where so many were shot. But most of all, who of my family, friends, acquaintances had survived? Where were they, and if they were alive, would they be able to start a new life?

Before the war, Budapest Jewry had been one of the best organised Jewish communities. This in many ways contributed to its partial survival. Communal institutions had functioned throughout the Nazi occupation; a network of Jewish rescue operations had been established with a number of "headquarters."

With liberation, the surviving communal leadership and those chiefly Zionist leaders, who had been in charge of rescue work got together and immediately set out to count the damage, and begin the work of reconstruction.

It was a tragic and formidable task. Thousands of dead had to be buried with no access to the cemeteries; thousands of others were too old or sick to be moved from the makeshift ghetto hospitals; hundreds of children were left orphaned; they had to be fed, clothed and housed.

Half of the city was still under siege, there was no communication or transport. Food, light, water, fuel and medical supplies were extremely scarce. There was virtually not a single room in the whole city with windowpanes and the temperature was -20 degrees Centigrade. This was a blessing in disguise, for we know that a sudden thaw might bring epidemics.

In all this we were left to our own devices. The Red Army was busy fighting the war and mopping up pockets of German and Hungarian resistance. This was not an army of occupation, and however glad we were to see them, for they literally saved our lives, we could hardly communicate with them; nor were they equipped to attend to our many needs. The Hungarian authorities, on the other hand were totally impotent. They had slavishly served the Nazis, and those who had not were in much the same position as the Jews.

The Red Army came on Thursday. On Friday night every synagogue was filled. An enormous feeling of relief swept over us, we all gave thanks. Gradually we had to come to terms with the Gentile population. Surprisingly, there were no "acts of vengeance" perpetrated by Jews. It was the Gentile underground that winkled out some of the Hungarian Nazi leaders in hiding and strung them on lamposts. Jews were not filled with an unquenchable thirst for revenge. We wanted to live in peace, and many of us wanted to get away from the country.

EXODUS

My decision to leave Hungary came three days after liberation. On the Sunday I walked to my office in the National Museum that I had left ten months earlier on March 19, 1944. As I walked through the gate the head porter saw me, rushed from his lodge and exclaimed: "Jesus, doctor, you are alive!" Surprise, not relief, echoed from his words. But he recovered quickly and said: "Perhaps you can persuade the Russians to leave the museum." My mind registered all this and translated it into plain Hungarian; "Well, if you survived, at least we can use you, our 'house Jew', to protect us from your allies, the Bolsheviks."

I knew more clearly then than at any time before, that I could not and would not be able to build a new life in Hungary.

Quebec Elections

NOTHING TO FEAR

Quebeckers are now called upon to elect a new National Assembly — and indirectly — a new government.

For the first time in this campaign, René Levesque will lead his Party Quebecois to the polls as the movement for separating French Canada from the nation.

The other two traditional parties, the Union Nationale and the Liberals, are committed to maintain the status quo although both will demand, to a greater or lesser degree, some autonomous rights for the province.

The fourth contestant is the Creditiste Group of Real Caouette.

The fifth party, the NDP, is said to have very little chance of electoral success.

As Caouette appeals mostly to the rural element, the Jewish voter will have to opt for one of the three parties seeking support from the urban population, especially in Montreal.

One must remember that there is no Jewish community support for any political party and no Jewish opposition to any one group.

The Jews of Montreal, though divided politically, as are all Quebeckers by their respective political convictions, will vote according to their conscience. For, despite all those who disseminate fear, there is nothing to fear in Quebec.

KEEP SMILING

WHAT'S A WORD?

Papa: "New York in the summer is the hottest place in America."

Mama: "No, it isn't! Last August when I went to Washington, D.C., for Thelma's wedding, it was so hot there I almost dies of heat prostitution!"

MUCH OBLIGED

Benny Leonard, the famous boxing champion, was in Los Angeles, training for his next bout. Finding that he needed more shirts, he wired his haberdashers in New York to ship a dozen silk shirts to his California training camp. The next day he received an answering telegram from his supplier that read:

"Cannot ship your shirts until last ones are paid for."

Leonard wired back at once: "Unable to wait that long. Cancel order."

IT ALL DEPENDS

Mama and Papa Goldberg were dubious about their brand new son-in-law. They worried as their daughter Edna set off on her honeymoon with her husband.

A few days later, Mama and Papa's sense of forboding grew when they received this telegram from Edna:

The Honeymoon Is Fine But The Marriage Is Getting Shaky.

DEFINITION

Two university boys decided to compile a Yiddish-English dictionary. They both were well versed in the grammar of the mother tongue and they proceeded rapidly in the task. However, when they reached the Ds, they ran into trouble. The word that stumped them was "disappointed". They cudgeled their minds for the Yiddish equivalent but neither could think of the answer.

"Say, I know what to do!" exclaimed one. "I'll ask my mother. Yiddish is the only language she understands. Believe me, she'll know the word for 'disappointed'."

Soon he had his mother on the phone. "Listen to me carefully, Mama," he said in Yiddish. "Every Friday night I come home so that you, Papa and I can have dinner together. Right? Okay! Now suppose, next Friday I telephoned you just as you were about to set the table and I told you I wouldn't be able to come. What would you be?"

"Oy, Yingeleh!", she cried, "Azoi disappointed!"

SERMON OF THE WEEK

SELF-IMPROVEMENT

When any man of you offereth an oblation unto the Lord . . . (Leviticus 1.2.).

The rabbis interpret the word "mikkem" ("of you") in this verse to yeild the thought that for a man's sacrifice to be valid it should be his own. It should not belong to someone else.

"I am proud of my religion" is the natural response of the person who takes his faith seriously and follows it because he is convinced that it is true. But the saying loses all the value it has when "religion" becomes subordinate to "my". We are all familiar with the man who wants others to behave as he does not out of a desire for them to know the truth but out of fear to be alone in error. Truth does not matter for such a man. His sole concern is for his own vindication. He defends his opinions out of the same grasping motives for which the miser hoards his gold. It has well been said that the difference between the idealist and the fanatic is that the idealist is prepared to sacrifice himself for his beliefs while the fanatic is prepared to sacrifice others for his beliefs.

One of the great exponents of the point of view indicated by the rabbinic teaching was Rabbi Israel Salanter, the famed nineteenth century morarlist. Rabbi Israel was fond of saying that it was wrong to use another's shoulders as stepping stones to piety. For instance, a man rises early in the morning during the Pentinential season to recite "Selichot" in the synagogue. Bleary-eyed and annoyed at having to wake so early, he may vent his spleen on the members of his family or the servants if his morning tea is not to his taste. Apart from the inconvenience he causes in his home, he may, in his anger, harshly rebuke the synagogue beadle for real or imagined faults. The service itself will probably not be to his liking and he will express his disappointment with a righteous indignation all too easily fired. The net result of such misplaced "frumkeit" is a spread of misery in the service of a selfishness which is none the less devastating because it masquerades as religiosity. Rabbi Israel was not, of course, decrying early morning prayer as such but he was convinced that religious practices must never be made the excuse for self-indulgence at the expense of others.

All this is not to say that an attitude of religious quietism is to be adopted. The believing Jew will wish to spread his Judaism but his motive should be for "the" truth, not "his" truth, to triumph. It ought also to be realised that the more mature the believer the greater his emphasis on "self"-improvement. Rabbi Hayim of Sanz once said that when he was young he wished to perfect the whole world. As he grew older he came to the conclusion that world-perfection was too tall an order for one man and he resolved to concentrate on the improvement of his native Poland. Later on he became content with the difficult aim of improving his home town and then grew content with the difficult aim of improving his own family. Towards the end of his life he came to the realisation that it was a sufficiently demanding task to improve himself.

HAWKS AND DOVES

by MOSHE RON

Tel Aviv - The New Israeli Government has strengthened the camp of the "hawks" in comparison with the "doves". Foreign Minister Abba Eban and the Mapam Party wanted a small coalition camp in foreign affairs, especially in regard to an eventually strong peace settlement with the Arabs. Finance Minister Pinchas Sapir, who belongs to the "doves", turned against Abba Eban this time and supported Golda Meir in her endeavors to form a broad Government of National Unity with Gahal. "Doves" in the new Government are the two Ministers of Mapam, Israel Barzilai and Victor Shemtov, Abba Eban, Pinchas Sapir, Josef Almogi, the new Minister for Police Affairs, Shlomo Hillel (up to now the Vice-Director of the Foreign Office), the two Mafdal Ministers, Moshe Hayim Shapiro and Dr. Josef Burg, and the Independent Liberal Moshe Kol. Representatives of a hard line are the "hawks" in the new Government: Gahal Ministers Menahem Begin; Josef Sapir; Chaim Landau; the new Transport Minister, General Ezer Weizman, former Chief of the Israeli Air Force and Vice Chief of Staff of the Israeli Defence Army; Moshe Dayan; Shimon Peres; Israel Galili; Yigal Alon; the Mafdal Minister, Zerach Warhaftig. Golda Meir, Jacob Shimshon Shapira, Zeev Sherf and Chaim Gvati, advocating a tough line with the Arabs, are ready for a peace settlement. But they cannot be regarded as "hawks" and if once the opportunity of peace negotiations with the Arabs arises, the picture of the division between "hawks" and "doves" in the Israeli Government certainly would change. The two new men Gahal Ministers of the Liberal wing, Dr. Elimelech Rimalt and Arye Leb Dulcin cannot be considered "hawks".

In the Gahal bloc there were fighting votes between both Dulcin and Serlin (of the Liberal Party) and Kremerman and Dr. Bader of the Heruth Party). In the Liberal Party, leaders Josef Sapir and Dr. Elimelech Rimalt support Dulcin against Serlin as a new Cabinet member. In the secret vote Dulcin (treasurer of the Jewish Agency) received 17 votes against 12 for Serlin. Serlin, a former Minister for Health, was very much annoyed and now will try to organise a strong opposition against the leadership of Sapir and Dr. Rimalt.

The fight was even harder in the leadership of Heruth. The veteran leader, Dr. Johanan Bader, was sure to become a member of the new Cabinet. However in the Party leadership a strong opposition was voiced against his candidature because of his age. Knesset member Josef Kremerman organized the opposition and, in the secret vote, was elected a new member of the Cabinet in place of Dr. Bader. The latter announced his resignation as chairman of Gahal's Knesset faction, a post he maintained from the time of the formation of the Israeli Parliament. The situation changed within 24 hours when General Ezer Weizman, who agreed to become Transport Minister, resigned from army service and became, instead of Kremerman, a new member of the Cabinet.

Moshe Kol, representative of the Independent Liberals in the new Government, told me that, in spite of the political differences between his Party and Gahal, he advocated Gahal's participation as ful members in the new Government.

Kol argued that the statements of Gahal leader Menach Begin - that he brought about a change of the Government's program are mere boastings. The program has only been adopted to the same conditions of the new situation which has not existed four years ago, when it was outlined. Nevertheless the forming of a broad coalition of National Unity was necessary due to the military, political and economical situation of the country.

The new Minister of Education and Culture, Vice Premier Yigal Alon, was happy to note that the Mafdal had appointed his old friend, Michael Chazani, Vice-Minister of Education. Alon, who feared that the Mafdal would choose an uncompromising hardliner, now is sure there will be full cooperation with his Vice-Minister.

Foreign Minister Abba Eban has informed Premier Golda Meir that he cannot agree to her plan to appoint Minister Israel Galili as Minister for Information in Israel and abroad. Eban, who sees the field of information abroad as part of the activity of the Foreign Office, told Mrs. Meir to bring up this matter in the new Government on return from his official mission in Washington.

letters to the Editor

EARNED RESPECT

Dear Editor:

The editor of The Canadian Jewish News has earned respect and admiration for the magnificent way he cut down Dr. Forrest of the United Church Observer when testifying before the Senate Committee on Mass Media.

This example should be taken note of by the so-called Jewish "leaders" who go cap in hand to the powers that be or else remain silent when the cause of Israel or Canadian Jewry requires prompt forceful action.

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PROFILES OF OUR CONGREGATIONS

YOUNG RABBI LEADS SHAAREI TEFILLAH

by Uri Jacobson

Anyone who ever has seen the congregational bulletin of Shaarei Tefillah will no doubt have been impressed by the rich panoply of weekly lectures, programs and classes carried on in the synagogue.

The man who has been instrumental both in the planning and execution of these various events is Rabbi Meyer Berglas, one of the newest members of Toronto's rabbinical confraternity.

Rabbi Berglas, who is not yet thirty, is deeply involved in the teaching aspect of the rabbinate. He conceives of his vocation much along the classical lines; where the rabbi is first and foremost a teacher.

There is no doubt that this part of his rabbinic vocation brings him enormous pleasure and satisfaction. On Sunday mornings, he told me, Shaarei Tefillah has a class in Jewish philosophy at which there are 75-80 college age students every week.

The text which is used for the class is one of Maimonides' major works. The students examine the text and then use it as a springboard for any number of

Rabbi Meyer H. Berglas

discussions which flow from the original topic. The response to this class from university students has been very heartening for Rabbi Berglas.

I asked the rabbi about his background and how he had acquired his interest in the youth work he so obviously enjoys.

"I was born in New York City," he started, "and was educated at Spring Valley at the Yeshivah there. From then I went on to Yeshivah University High School and from there directly into the college program. Like all students at that institution I carried a double program - the academic one and the Jewish studies one. In my college program I majored in mathematics, which was then probably the strongest academic department within the college."

At what date did he first contemplate entering the active rabbinate? Rabbi Berglas answered that he had always entertained the possibility of becoming a rabbi but had enrolled in the s'micha (ordination) program with no clear object in mind. "Like the experience of many of my colleagues I was forwarned by many, that the rabbinate was no business for a Jewish boy."

"When I did enter the s'micha course," he went on, "I was fortunate enough to be accepted into a new program which Yeshivah had inaugurated just at that time, - the kolel. This was an intensive approach to Talmud taught by the greatest Talmudic scholars at Yeshivah University. It was a marvellous opportunity for me and I believe I profited from the experience."

During his days at Yeshivah University, Rabbi Berglas was active on behalf of one of that institution's agencies, the Youth Bureau. The aim of this branch was to bring together Jewish youth who had rather weak backgrounds and provide them with an authentic and positive picture of Judaism. His experience working with those groups taught the rabbi that given the proper atmosphere it was possible to achieve a great deal with kids who were neither observant nor knowledgeable about Judaism.

The rabbi added that it

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was during this period of his life that he had his first contact with Canada. He spent a brief time at camp Moshava and on the way back to New York passed through Toronto.

"I remember my impressions quite well," said Rabbi Berglas, "we were driving down Bathurst street, it was about ten years ago, and I was really amazed to see all the store fronts with their Hebrew letterings, so many indications of Yiddishkeit. I never dreamed then that I would be coming back here to serve a congregation."

But his first pulpit was in New York City in Washington Heights. He served as the Assistant Rabbi and was, of course, involved in the various educational programs which the synagogue offered.

What made him leave the 179th street congregation?

"It was during this period," he explained, "that I received a call from Yeshivah University asking me if I would be interested in setting up an Orthodox congregation at Lido Beach, Long Island. There was a small group of people there that were exploring what kind of synagogue they wanted to

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President Shaarei Tefillah

organize."

"It was a very challenging opportunity for me because aside from one or two families most of the other people were distant from traditional Jewish practices. For three years I worked very hard with these people organizing classes, discussion groups, basic reading sessions. When I left there were very positive signs that the people involved were beginning to appreciate their Yiddishkeit.

While he was serving the synagogue at Lido Beach, Rabbi Berglas maintained his contact with Yeshivah University. He began to teach in the Jewish Studies Program, a kind of remedial Judaism for students with high I.Q.'s but with minimal exposure to Jewish learning.

"The students who were in this program", mused the rabbi, "were extraordinarily bright kids. These were the kind of students that achieved between 750-800 on their college boards. From the teaching angle it was a rewarding experience to meet with kids like that."

I asked Rabbi Berglas what his attitude was towards Israel. He replied that he was deeply committed to Israel that he had been there twice and that he had seriously considered aliyah.

On the question of the quality of Jewish life in Toronto today, Rabbi Berglas made the following observations: "It is certainly true that Toronto is one of the most highly organized Jewish communities I have seen. In some ways it is over-organized. A superificial glance might lead one to the conclusion that everything is just fine here. But a closer look will reveal that the situation here leaves a lot to be desired."

I asked him if he could be more explicit in his criticism. "Well take the question of Jewish education;" he said, "the amount of money which is spent in this city is really not that high."

"Let's look at the example of salaries for people teaching in the Jewish schools. Their salaries are deplorably low. And yet Jews are amazed to learn that the quality of Jewish education is suffering. I would like to know how you can have first rate Jewish education when you pay your teachers a pittance. The really sad thing is that in the long run it is the students who are being shortchanged, and for the rest of their lives."

What is the solution to this problem, I asked? "The solution," he answered, "is not impossible. For one thing I am chagrined to learn that there are many wealthy Jewish people in this community who are not doing their share to further Jewish education. I am certain that certain individuals in our community could single handedly take over the budget of some of our biggest schools. That they have not done so is to be regretted. With all the affluence among our bretheren it is a crying shame that one Jewish school should have to go begging for funds."

APPOINTMENT IN MUNICH

MY FRIEND MAX

By RICHARD YAFFE

I met Max Blum for the first, and only, time in Hamburg just about four years ago. I had persuaded my wife, against her will, to stop off in Hamburg on the way to Amsterdam and the Scandinavian countries. "We will touch down at Hamburg on Friday afternoon", I said, "so let's stop over and spend the Sabbath there, and go to the synagogue and meet some Jews and talk with them, and, I promise you, we will leave that same night." So she said: "Al right". And that's how we met Max Blum.

The synagogue, much to my surprise, was filled -- and filled with Persian, not Ashkenazi Jews. Being a visiting Jew I was called to the Torah for an aliyah, and I found the whole affair extremely strange, since everything was in the Persian nusach, and but for the Torah scroll open before me I might have mistaken the place for something other than a synagogue -- an Oriental rite of some kind.

As I took my seat an elderly, diminutive man sidled over to me, held out his hand, and said: "Sholem aleichem". I replied in kind, and he whispered that he, too, was an American -- that is, an American by virtue of the fact that he was taken in by America as a refugee from Hitler Germany, where he had lost everybody. His name, he said, was Max Blum and he had been a furrier for more than twenty years in a shop on Broadway on New York City's Upper West Side. He whispered that he would like to talk with me after the services. I nodded agreement, painfully aware of the stares of disapproval aimed at us as we whispered. He slipped away and buried his nose in the prayer book.

He was waiting at the door, and he asked if he could walk with us back to the hotel. On the way he told us something about himself. He had been born in Germany, was a furrier there, had married and raised a family, then. . .Hitler. His family -- he did not tell us how many children he had had, nor did we dare ask -- went the way of the six million. Only he survived, and found himself at long last in America.

There were a few terribly lonely years, and then remarriage, which made things slightly more tolerable. When retirement came -- 65 years and monthly social security checks from the American Government -- the decision was made: in America, would be more than enough for life in Germany. Especially since there was also a pension waiting for him there, and a dwelling at nominal rental.

Hamburg was the natural choice, for Max Blum had spent his childhood there. There was also the added attraction, if that is what it can be called, of free medical care for his wife, who had developed some ailment. What it was, he did not say. They lived, he told us, in a housing development built especially for pensioners, and their section, he said, was set aside for Jews. He had a number of Jewish neighbors; he was vague about how many but we guessed, and probably inwardly hoped, that they were few. Between them and the people he met at the synagogue Max Blum and his wife managed to hang on to something of a Jewish life.

How did he find it, living among the Germans? Did he wonder, as he walked the streets, whether this man or that was one of his guards at a death camp, had dropped that poisonous pellet into the chamber in which his wife and children had met their God? He shrugged. It is best, he said, not to think of those things. The important thing, he said, was to be able to live out one's life in peace and with some measure of security. This he had here.

True, one did not find, or expect to find, friends or friendship among the Germans -- it was interesting to hear that he called the Germans "them", and himself and his friends "the Jews". What was important he said, was to find a few years of peace and an end to the rat-race of trying to make a living. Thank God, we have found that here, he said.

We got to the hotel and Max Blum asked us whether we could come and visit him the following (Sunday) morning. He would introduce us to his neighbors and we could talk some more. I looked at my wife, but I needn't have. She shook her head. We left that night.

Max Blum left my mind. I wrote a small piece about him, and then the little man left my mind -- until the other day.

Max Blum was one of the seven Jews who met their death in a fire at a Jewish old age home in Munich, at the hands of Arab terrorists.

To escape the fire he had jumped four storeys to his death.

In Germany.

adventures in Israel

SURPRISES AT EVERY CORNER

by Simon Clyne

Last week a photograph was published in the press of a young Israeli soldier being welcomed home on leave by his mother. I was there when it was taken, and it brought me closer to yet another of the many human dramas which unfold unendingly in this emotion-saturated land.

The soldier in the picture is a handsome young man. His name is Lieutenant Avram. The military censorship allows me to give no more than his first name in case he should fall into the hands of the Arabs. At 20, he is a veteran fighter, having seen service on all fronts. His shrapnel-scarred body bears witness to battles at Suez, and now he is on active service again.

Lieutenant Avram's father, a Rumanian, survived the Nazi concentration camps and made his way by what were considered illegal means to Israel, where he found a new life in Kibbutz Reshafim, in the Bet Shean Valley. Here, Avram and his identical twin Isaiah, now an Army corporal, were born.

When they were three years old and their mother, the kibbutz seamstress, was pregnant with her third child, their father died from a disease contracted in a Nazi prison camp. Since then, says Avram, the kibbutz and the good Israeli earth have been his father and dedication. Such stories bear the secret of the inspired Israeli officer.

I was happy to be able to arrange with the Army authorities for a reunion, at the kibbutz, of the twin brothers with their mother and Avram's girl-friend, who is an army sergeant - a felicitous and heart-warming occasion.

Since my coming to Israel, life has been packed with experiences like this - and there are surprises at every bend in the road. Our very friendly neighbour is the military attache at the Canadian Embassy. His wife is from my home town, Hull, and indeed went to the school adjoining mine. At a dinner party the other night, conversation revealed that my cousin had been their family doctor, and his daughter was sitting at the table!

Not all the surprises are pleasant ones. On the debit side, is the rising incidence of crime. Wise men have said that this is a symbol of nationhood. But even a hard-bitten newspaper man coming to the Holy Land has to accustom his mind to this unpleasant development. I am pleased that the Government had expressed, in the Knesset, an awareness of this danger, which is evidenced daily in the press. Jews are reputedly a law-abiding people, but the agglomeration of characters attracted to this cosmopolitan city has given the authorities something to worry about.

Immigrants who have to make their livelihood in Israel may not, and many do not, find settling in here as smooth as we have. The language is one problem to be faced. A superficial knowledge of the siddur and Tenach is far from sufficient, and sometimes can be an embarrassment.

My wife and I attended an ulpan, but found the mental exercise too much because of the speed at which the teacher travelled in her efforts to cover a set syllabus. But we think we have the answer.

Our actress friend discovered a retired teacher, a charming American gentleman, and we have pleasant evenings in her flat near the Tel Aviv front, with Ivrit as the main medium of conversation. I can recommend this method as preferable to the brain-bending, pace-setting ulpan.

You know, of course, that life can be less complicated if you come here with a basic knowledge of the language. Many of us have looked forward to continuing our lives of social service. Lack of Ivrit is the obstacle you can meet. My wife found this when, after joining Wizo, she offered her help. One of the leaders, with whom she discussed this situation, came up with the happy thought of forming a pilot group from the English-speaking countries, and channelling their efforts until they have a command of Hebrew.

Such an initial grouping of people with a common background, can be a useful stepping-stone to integration - a word much preferred to absorption.

Taking my evening walk round the municipal square and Ibn Gvirol St. I saw a neon sign directing me to the synagogue of the Salonika community. Would the establishment of a similar place of worship here be the answer for those of us brought up on the English minhag, who wish to preserve our identity with Jewish religious observance as we have learned to love it? It's a thought!

THE LITTLE MURDERERS

by Ephraim Kishon

LIKE everything else that succeeds in this country, television is subjected nowadays to bitter and relentless attack. But if I were the Czar of the Broadcasting Authority, I would not give a hang, since this is simply the revolt of the slaves. Item: when the signature tune of the 9.30 p.m. news comes floating through the windows, the city streets become deserted, and when the blonde villainess meets hapless Forsyte, not a single telephone conversation takes place in the whole state. It is rumoured that Nasser is planning to launch his summer offensive just when poor Soames at last strangles that loathsome witch...

TV is a success, we are all hooked on it.

But Amir is going off his rocker.

What do I mean by "going off his rocker"? As a matter of fact, the kid is fairly well developed, has lots of ginger hair and, for a six-year-old, his high jump is not at all bad. But what's the good of talking about the high jump, when the boy spends most of his waking hours slouched in a morocco armchair? He vegetates there in darkness, his mouth agape, his eyelids half-lowered; and on his face is an expression of utter imbecility. Amir is an inseparable part of the New Generation, whose vocabulary boils down to the question: what's he saying, what's he saying? He's saying: "You draw first, ranger."

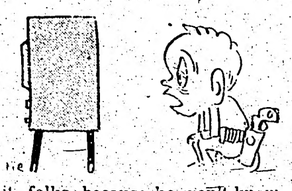
When he grows up, Amir will be either a cattle rustler or a saloon dancing girl. On Mondays a spy. Anyway, he is simply dying to fire a bullet or two into somebody's belly. He also loves Elik-Belik, Micky Mouse, Gulliver in Wonderland and the news in Arabic. But above all, he loves murder. Like the black man in "I Spy," when he took vengeance. It's a fact that in Arrest and Trial he likes only the first part where they murder and not the second, where they talk. True, he himself is not too good at talking.

Someone asked him — naturally during the morning hours — what did they show in the last Lawman?

"One of those guys was a thief," my son explained, "and then the lifesaver said to them don't move and then he looks for his mother in a Volkswagen and people come against him and want to kill the good guy but that's just a trick and he sticks a knife in the lifesaver but he bends down and then the other man wants to kill the doctor with a hammer just a minute and they steal the recording wire with the secrets of the whole world his father was a cop."

Let's face it, dear parents: a generation of morons is growing up in front of our eyes.

What is my son Amir going to say when he reads in the newspaper what I think of his pals? He won't



read it, folks, because he won't know how to read until he is 28 or 30. My first-born, Rafi, somehow got away by the skin of his teeth, because he read a few books before the fiery eye burnt up everything; but from Amir downwards, our children are spending their lives in darkness, like bats, eyes glued to the screen, hands groping for leftovers. Obviously, there is no one to blame but us parents. We could have sold the set or at least locked it up, theoretically that is. In practice, that would be the granddad of all Missions Impossible. The very thought that the TV set could be turned off even for a few minutes sends our children and their baby sitters into hysterics. And in fact we grown-ups, too, are terribly keen to watch those fascinating sights, aren't we? After all, there is TV all over the world, no one has died of it yet. The Army will teach those kids discipline, there is nothing to worry about.

In the meantime we've got an excellent TV. And a new generation of stupid children. And that, as the marshal said, is that; we've got to live with it.

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FOR THE RECORD

JEWISH EDUCATION AND THE COMMUNITY

Following are excerts from recent editorial comments by The Canadian Jewish News on the issue of Jewish education

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...To conclude, what is education? Education is, first and last, a community obligation. The general community has an obligation to build schools and enforce compulsory education -- whether the parents like it or not, whether the students like it or not. An organized Jewish community must offer the young an opportunity to study Judaism -- whether their parents like it or not.

Thus education is coercion into the path of the past linking it with the future.

An infant is not asked whether it should be brought into the Covenant of Abraham; on the eighth day it is *forced into* the Jewish community. This is the pattern of education. Likewise a six-year-old is not asked whether he should be taught how to read or write.

Of course, those among the parents who prefer not to allow their children to suffer the misery of Talmudic study and who prefer the environment of the present day university-revolutions in Berkeley or in the Village unfortunately cannot be forced into entrusting their offspring to the institutions of traditional Jewish learning; they have a choice if they are impressed by the products of modern culture as opposed to those of ancient Hebrew culture. But, Heaven forbid if those in charge of Jewish education apologize to the parents for imposing the spirit of Torah, the traditions of Sinai, by which we have lived and have survived for thousands of years, defying all false prophecies and all moderns since the time of the heathens of Egypt up to the heathens of Greenwich Village.

In a spiritual sense many of our children today are orphans because their parents again, despite the Russian experience and the betrayal of the New Left, still cling to the fata morgana that there is more culture outside the world of Torah.

There is none. Were it so, we should not have to think today of how to bring about a peaceful coexistence between those who have persecuted us for two-thousand years and those among us who demand only to be left at peace within the confines of the ancient homeland of the Jewish people. Were it so, we should not have to remember today the Six-Million, the Spanish Inquisition or Chmielnicki, or to protest against Numerus Clausus in Russian universities.

There is no freedom for the Jew outside the world of our eternal truth. A school that compromises with this fundamental fact of Jewish history ceases to be a Jewish school.

September 5, 1969

At this time and age, when the young are faced by the challenges and onslaught of movements striving to destroy the glory of the past and to propagate Nihilism, it is incumbent upon each of us to remember that the Torah of Israel is not "across the seas"; not of another period; it is perennial and relevant to each country, to every society; it is the answer to the challenge of any philosophy.

No Jewish community ever has survived without institutions of Jewish education, for Judaism can only continue when "the hearts of the sons are joined with those of the fathers."

Jewish education stresses the upbringing of the young not to fear being a minority, not to be afraid of physical oppression, not to hesitate to proclaim Jewish individuality and the right to be different in any milieu; it is the courage to remain a Jew *despite* all that.

October 10, 1969

We believe there are two paramount tasks confronting the Jewish community: the consolidation and defense of Israel and the development of institutions of Jewish education. Without Jewish education there is no use talking about the problems facing the Jewish people the world over. Without youth steeped in Hebrew tradition, there is the perennial danger that many will disappear into the pseudo-idealistic circles of the New Left or the Old Left or other modern versions of outdated ideologies.

Several years ago the Canadian Jewish Congress in this region tackled the problem of government subsidies for the secular curriculum of the Jewish day schools. We know that in our affluent society the upkeep of schools is a very expensive proposition. Without obtaining its share of tax revenues (as do the Catholics, for example) our Jewish day schools will not develop. Some are obsessed by the myth that subsidies for Jewish day schools may spell the end of a certain imaginary equality. This is not so. It will help build a healthy Jewish school system and a youth conscious of its heritage.

We regret that somehow this number one item has again been omitted from the agenda of the Canadian Jewish Congress.

February 27, 1970

Recently, when a delegation of the Jewish Public Relations Committee visited the Hon. William G. Davis, Ontario's Minister of Education, demanding "on behalf of the Jews" the termination of teaching religion in schools, one of the "leaders" declared:

". . . Religion has nothing to do with education."

This statement probably convinced Mr. Davis that, no matter whom this delegate represented, he did not speak for Historic Israel. For the Minister pertinently asked, "Then why do you demand subsidies for Hebrew day schools?

Of course, had that particular spokesman declared it unfair to minorities to teach children in government schools a specific religion, Mr. Davis might have accepted the credentials of this delegation.

BOOKS OF THE WEEK by Dr. Arnold Ages

THE SABRAS

THE FIRST MILLION SABRAS. By Herbert Russcol and Margalit Banai. Dodd, Mead. 237 pp.

Israelis have a phrase which, in a way, describes their national consciousness, "yashar l'inyan", which means straight to the point. This expression can also be used to characterize this realistic portrait of native born Israelis drawn by a husband and wife team.

Consider this observation. Israel's long struggle with her Arab neighbours has produced a tough and resilient generation of young people but, "they would much prefer the quiet life of, say, Switzerland, even though Durenmatt has pointed out that Switzerland's long centuries of peace have given the world two remarkable things: Gruyere cheese and the cuckoo clock. The sabra is proud that two thousand years of Jewish nonpeace has given the world a long list of geniuses, from Jesus to Marx and Freud. But he would welcome the chance to live, for a while at least, without geniuses, in a land of peace and cuckoo clocks."

Russcol and Banai pay proper tribute, of course, to Eliezer Ben Yehudah, the Hebrew-speaking fanatic without whom there probably would have been no sabra generation at all, at least not a Hebrew-speaking one. They point out that during his early pioneering days in Palestine, Ben Yehudah was pilloried by the Orthodox Jewish communities and subsequently excommunicated for having had the temerity to use the holy tongue in everyday discourse. When his wife died, some of the religious authorities tried to prevent her interment in holy ground.

Today the sabra generation speaks Hebrew with a breazy flippancy and looks with scorn upon those who have not mastered the language. "The sabra is inclined to be arrogant about Hebrew," write the authors. "Upon getting to know some new arrivals, socially, he will ask, usually at the second meeting, 'When are you going to do something about your Hebrew?'"

This directness, -- some might call it rudeness, chutzpah, -- is characteristic of the sabra and is manifested in all sectors of his life. It explains moreover, the cynicism with which he regards the Zionist movement and its functionaries. "So derisive had the sabra become that even today among young sabras the word Zionism, in Hebrew, is a slang expression of contempt. It means baloney. 'Don't give me any of that Zionut,' a teen-ager will say to his pal, and it is a good thing the visiting Hadassah ladies cannot understand his Hebrew."

Sabra chutzpa can also explain some of the culture shock that Americans often experience during their first sojourn in Israel. It become especially apparent in the boy-girl relationship. Russcol and Banai suggest that Israeli girls feel no embarrassment in approaching men and in expecting to be treated as comrades. The beautiful generation of girl sabras reject, moreover, the hypocrisies that go with such relationships elsewhere. (This does not mean, however, that promiscuity is a function of the new morality.)

There have been critics aplenty of the sabra generation. Up until 1967 the old guard used to criticize the "expresso" youth for their lack of idealism and pioneering zeal. "Nobody snears at the Expresso Generation anymore," the authors write, "The sabra, with his extraordinary bravery, saved the country from anihilation. The much abused sabra, of all people, returned Jerusalem. By doing so he had paid his debt -- to himself, to his parents, to the six million dead."

The sabra is far more complex than many assume. The majority consider themselves non religious and love to mock the rabbis. "And yet we do not despise the rabbis. We submit to their holy blackmail. Even an Israeli who votes Communist feels a sneaking admiration for the stubborn ritual, the mystical cant, that held Jews together for two thousand years. Those fierce-eyed zealots, who throughout history went to the stake praising God rather than renounce their Judaism -- What would we have been without them?"

THE FIRST MILLION SABRAS is the title of a book but is also a miracle. Reading it will perhaps teach us something about what to expect from the second million.

RECENT AND RECOMMENDED

To call his book THE DOWNTOWN JEWS (Harper and Row) was a clever but misleading attempt by Ronald Sanders to appeal to the emotions of the contemporary reader. The subtitle "Portrait of an Immigrant Generation," is even more misleading. There is only one portrait around which this book revolves, and the book would have more approriately been called by the name of that man -- Abe Cahan, writer, novelist and long-time editor of the Forward. (New York Jewish daily).

Rather than being a portrait of the immigrant generation this is a book which deals with the life and work of Abe Cahan, a member of that generation.

The unfortunate title, however, does not detract from the wealth of absorbing material which the writer presents to those with an interest in that period of American -- Jewish history.

The term "downtown Jews" conjures up for many a picture laden with emotion. For our generation the term is slowly gaining a meaning akin to that which the word "shtetl" had to the previous generation.

But, alas, Sanders does not cater to this sentiment. Only the title of his book does. Enough sentimental and realistic literature of New York's east side has been written and the present volume deserves praise for its unique approach.

The DOWNTOWN JEWS is a well researched book. It provides a history of the New York Yiddish daily, The Forward and a biography of Abe Cahan, - both of which are broad in scope.

Aside from occasional digressions in the political history of the lower east side, the book provides fascinating material about the cultural life of America's Russian -- Jewish immigrants.

The book begins with the year 1881, with the assassination of Tsar Alexander II. The persecution of Jews which followed this event, brought a new wave of immigrants to New York -- among them, the young Abe Cahan.

At the beginning of the book the author is still faithful to the title and vividly conveys the atmosphere of the lower east side, -- sweat shops, crowding, poverty and high idealism.

Sanders traces Cahan's life as a religious Lithuanian youth through the various stages of socialist fervor. At the height of his career, when the Forward was enjoying a circulation of nearly a quarter of a million readers, Abe Cahan was the opitome of the self-made American success. Unlike many Russian Jewish idealistic youth who "made it", by going into business, Cahan "made it" through his intellect.

His book "The Rise of David Levinsky", by which he is remembered as a novelist, is a symbol of all the downtown Jews who reached success.

With success and a realistic sensibility, Cahan the socialist became Cahan the American Jew and Cahan the champion of Jewish values and of a Jewish homeland. He had come around full circle.

The "yeshiva bochur" of nineteenth century Lithuanian cum fiery Russian intellectual radical of the turn of the century evolved into the proponent of a Jewish consciousness that neither Tsar nor Marx nor Hitler succeeded in eradicating.

The search for a Jewish identity in our day often appears as a groping for spiritual links with the "downtown Jews". Through Abe Cahan's life, the writer appears to provide one of these links.

Several other areas of Jewish immigrant life are covered in this book. Among them are the early American-Jewish labor struggles and ideological strife among the immigrants.

The chapters on the Yiddish theatre are most enlightening and of course the Yiddisuh press gets excellent coverage.

Aside from some infrequent turgid prose there is one major fault from which THE DOWNTOWN JEWS suffers. For various reasons, hardly any mention is made of the religious segment of the lower east side Jewish community.

This is especially striking since the only other Yiddish newspaper which endured and survived to the present day on the lower east side happens to have been the organ of the religious community.

The book contains a limited Yiddish vocabulary which is well defined in a glossary.

Anyone with an interest in a nonfiction account of the atmosphere and spirit of Yiddish culture in the so called North American "shtetl" would do well to turn to this book.

FEATURED IN CHILDREN'S MUSICAL. - Jack Northmore and Meg Hogarth, in rehearsal of Popcorn Man, coproduced with Susan Rubes' Young People's Theater, now playing Saturdays at Toronto's St. Lawrence Center for the Arts.

A Yemeni bride

INTELLECTUALS ATTACK ISRAEL

Paris (JCNS) -- Le Monde, the influential French daily, published a two-pronged attack on Israel recently: a page-long article by the paper's foreign editor, Andre Fontaine, and a piece called "Free Point of View", by a former French Ambassador to Britain, Rene Massigli.

Fontaine took Israel to task, he alleged, for not trying to implement the Security Council resolution of November, 1967. He reproached the Jewish State for stubbornly refusing "the friendly services of those who would like to help it to attain peace."

In Massigli's view, the French Government is being "slandered by General Dayan, Israel's Defense Minister, and Mrs. Golda Meir, the Israeli Premier, at a level which cannot be surpassed." The French Chief Rabbi, Dr. Jacob Kaplan, also comes under fire for having criticized French policy.

Massigli then goes on to accuse French Jewry of double loyalty, the consequences of which could well be "nefarious" for the Jews and for France, he declares.

Chief Rabbi Kaplan said he would be replying to the article.

FAMOUS PRO. - Duke Ellington, well known composer and musician from way back when, now appearing with Moxie Whitney and his orchestra in the Imperial Room of Toronto's Royal York Hotel.

the lively arts

THEATRE MUSIC FILM

by D. COHN

* Slated to become popular in the song parade is Steve Lawrence's rendition of Mama, A Rainbow, from Minnie's Boys, story of the early days of the Marx Brothers, scheduled to appear shortly.

* Elizabeth, daughter of song king Irving Berlin, recently wed Alton Peters.

* Eddie Fisher was in Israel recently to finalyze a deal for a television drama series.

* William Hutt, Canadian player, accepted Bill Freedman's offer to star in Caesar and Cleopatra, with Toby Robins, in London.

* Sammy Davis Jr. gets a minimum of $200,000 plus expenses to appear in nightclubs in Australia.

* Peter Stark, 25-year-old son of producer Ray Stark and grandson of the late Fanny Brice, recently was found dead near his New York co-op apartment. He fell fourteen floors to his death. Details still are a mystery.

* Herb Alpert and The Tijuana Brass is calling off all future concerts and will continue together as a unit only for recording purposes. The combo has been on the road for several years. Despite the smash box office returns Alpert has decided not to concertize any longer.

* An important step for Charles Aznavour is his first English-speaking starring role in a Paramount Picture, Joseph E. Levine's presentation of the Lewis Gilbert film of The Adventurers, based on Harold Robbins' best selling novel. It marks his first dramatic film for international audiences.

* Anouk Aimee would like to retire from pictures and just cater to her husband's (Albert Finney) desires.

* Rod Steiger, who recently finished playing Napoleon in the film, Waterloo, is wearing a gold sunburst medallion. Steiger, 44, says "Call it a desperate attempt at youth."

IN STARRING ROLE. - Paul Soles, in Striker Schneiderman, now in repertory at Toronto's St. Lawrence Center for the Arts.

* Madeline Kahn, curvaceous and redhaired, looks as though she should be entering beauty contests instead of making people laugh. She perhaps is best known for her frequent appearances on TV talk shows.

"I think the fact that I'm funny scares a lot of men," says Miss Kahn, who is 27, single and lives with her mother in Queens, New York. "I guess they think that I can't be serious at the right time.

"I'm always afraid of being overbearing," she adds. "I try to be quiet and suppress my comic urges when I'm out with a man -- but I just can't do it. I don't do it to hog the spotlight or anything. I think that most healthy men would enjoy it, but some don't."

Miss Kahn is a graduate of Hofstra University. Her other talents include acting, opera singing and belly dancing. She might consider marriage if she met a man with a sense of humor. "It would be like being in jail otherwise."

* Richard Tucker is celebrating his 25th anniversary as one of the Metropolitan Opera's leading tenors. He has been running most of his life, first on Wall Street and later as a fur jobber on Seventh Avenue.

Since then, he has mastered twenty-nine tenor roles, served as cantor in synagogues in Brooklyn and Chicago, reared a family and performed at countless benefits for worthy causes.

Tucker has retained the values he has brought with him to the Met twenty-five years ago -- preeminent among them a deep commitment to the Jewish faith. But he finds he has less time to enjoy the fruits of his labors.

Asked why he had waited so long before singing the role of Canio recently in Pagliacci, one of the most famous tenor parts and one closely identified with the great Enrico Caruso, Tucker replied:

"I didn't feel I was ready. I hadn't matured enough. Now I feel I am ready."

The stocky singer says he will be fifty-four on August 28th though most reference books show he was born August 28, 1914, which would make him this coming summer fifty-six. He still performs as cantor during the High Holy Days at the Park Synagogue in Chicago.

From the beginning of his operatic career, Tucker has specialized in Italian and French opera where he has appeared in a number of roles as Catholic clerics. But he refuses to wear a crucifix.

TORONTO AFTER DARK

NEW PLAY

A Bond Honored opens next Thursday at Theatre Passe-Muraille. Cast includes Martin Kinch, Janean Raddatz, Booth H. Savage, Don Steinhouse, Paul Thompson, Jim MacInnes and Clair Coulter. Director: Asheleigh Moorhouse.

THE DUKE

Duke Ellington, composer par excellence, appears at the Royal York Hotel. Some of his best known songs are: Mood Indigo; Sophisticated Lady; Solitude; Satin Doll.

HERE ONE WEEK

This week the Hook and Ladder Club of the Seaway Beverly Hills Motor Hotel presents Gordon MacRae, best known for his role of Curly in Rodgers and Hammerstein's Oklahoma, and the starring role in Carousel.

ADDED TREAT

An added treat for audiences attending the Carol Channing musical, now at O'Keefe Center through March 28th, is a one-woman fashion show as Miss Channing changes from one outfit to another designed by nine world famous designers. Couturiers who have furnished her wardrobe are Ray Aghayan, Donald Brooks, James Galanos, Rudi Gernreich, Victor Joris, Jean Louis, Norman Norell, Yves Saint Laurent and Miles White.

The show marks the first stage appearance of Miss Channing since her record-breaking tour a few years ago in Hello, Dolly!

CHILDREN'S DELIGHT

The Popcorn Man, playing Saturdays at the St. Lawrence Center for the Arts, is produced by Susan Rubes on behalf of Young People's Theater. It includes a kangaroo who takes a holiday from the zoo, a small boy with a special reason for skipping school, a girl teacher who plays guitar better with feet bare and hair down, a funny old lady who'd rather dance than walk, and a popcorn man with a mysterious power and a magic way to make music. It is a fanciful musical story set in a big city park. Popcorn Man is written by Dodi Robb and Pat Patterson, authors of The Dandy Lion.

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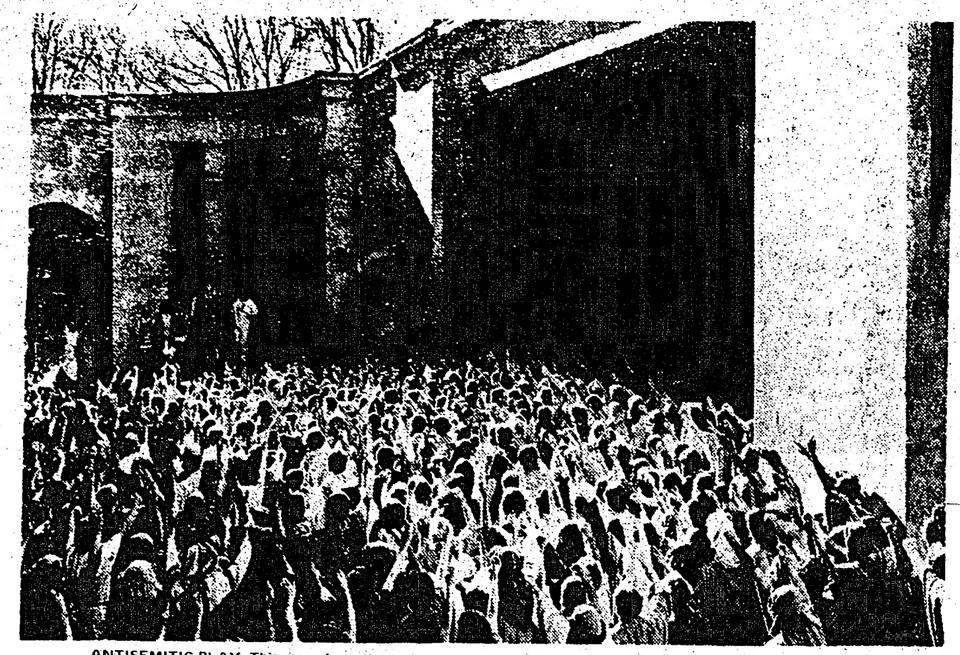
Goldstein, a graduate of New York City College, joined Yale Law School fourteen years ago after practising as a lawyer in Washington for five years.



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FOREIGN STUDENTS IN ISRAEL

by Malcolm Lewis

Studying in Israel can be an exciting experience. Yet to the newcomer it often can be confusing. Much of this can be avoided if the student is adequately prepared for life in Israel and is aware of the difficulties he is likely to face.

Almost all Jewish students coming from abroad are entitled to financial assistance from the Student Authority, a body run jointly by the Ministry of Absorption and the Jewish Agency and created specifically to deal with foreign students.

Four types of "scholarships" are available, ranging from the payment of tuition fees alone to additional allowances for the cost of living. (The exact scholarship awarded depends partly on the financial position and partly on the legal status, i.e., immigrant for temporary resident, of the student).

By themselves, the grants are not completely sufficient to cover the expenses of the student and he must be prepared to rely on parental or other assistance to support himself without working part time as do most Israelis. Special arrangements exist for graduates and grants for research students compare favorably with the normal British awards.

The Authority also helps in finding accommodation and in other technical matters. Most foreign students live in special hostels at a very low monthly rent; others prefer to live either in rented rooms or shared flats. But the cost of such accommodation is usually very high, especially in Jerusalem, and often hard to find.

For the married student, there is usually the possibility of securing an additional subsidy from the Authority to enable him to consider renting a private flat.

Educational problems naturally differ according to the individual, the university and the course of studies. In general, though, much more work is required of the student in Israel than in British universities; the large number of courses usually required demands regular attendance at lectures, weekly written exercises and frequent exams.

Language is by no means the barrier often imagined. After completing the summer ulpan, the student has a sufficient basis to understand lectures -- the technical language is easily picked up -- and all written work and exams can be done in English. Also, most if not all reading material and text books in most subjects are readily available in English.

The biggest problem -- and the lengthiest to overcome -- is that of social integration. The person who already has a "feel" for Israel and its problems -- usually acquired by already having spent some time in the country -- and has a reasonable knowledge of Hebrew will find it relatively easy to adapt to the new conditions. But to the average foreign student, it often seems he never will succeed in integrating into Israeli life.

By Western standards, Israeli students are notoriously non-student in their behavior, and student life as a separate social atmosphere is almost nonexistent. There are many reasons for this, among them the older age of Israeli students, the regular demands of the army on its reservists, the high proportion of married students and the large number of working students. But a new pattern does appear to be emerging in part as a result of the influence of the foreign students and their growing camaraderie which can ensure that the individual need not feel isolated or rejected.

Finally three general suggestions to anyone considering studying in Israel. First, try to settle so much as possible of your affairs and obtain written confirmation of any offers or assurances given. Israeli bureaucracy is infamous (the Students' Authority and the Universities are riddled with the disease) and the less running around you leave for Israel the happier you will be.

Second, although there is a certain "glamor" attached in studying in Jerusalem, don't forget there are very important fringe benefits -- especially in the lower cost of living and the greater availability of employment opportunities -- to study elsewhere; Tel Aviv and Bar Ilan both are established and rapidly expanding universities such as Haifa and Beersheba.

Last and most important of all, remember that it depends on you and your readiness to make the required effort in all spheres of university life, whether you get more out of studying in Israel than just an academic degree.

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MONTREAL NOTES

AZA URGES ACTION

The AZA Council of B'nai B'rith Youth Organization sent telegrams to Prime Minister Trudeau, Minister of Foreign Affairs Mitchell Sharp and Minister of Justice John Turner urging the Canadian Government to back up its stated abhorance of acts of air piracy and terror with stringent legal measures. Canada, the AZA Council felt, must lead the way. Member nations of ICAO and pilots of IATA were encouraged to keep flying to Israel.

COCKTAIL RECEPTION

The B'nai B'rith West Island Lodge Congregation Beth Tikvah and Temple Rodeph Shalom will hold a cocktail reception and dance to honor Steve Acre in support of the State of Israel Bonds program, Saturday, April 4th at Beth Tikvah Synagogue. Special guest: General Shmuel Eyal of the Israeli Manpower Division.

Receptions preceding the event will be held March 28th and 31st at the homes of Mr. and Mrs. Arnon Miller and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lewis.

CALENDAR

The Israel Bond Organization calendar is as follows: March 22nd, the Association of Zaglemie Jews of Montreal Purim Party and Dance at the Spanish and Portuguese Synagogue with Emil Cohen as guest entertainer; March 23rd, Fashion Apparel Lodge, B.B. Conference at Ruby Foos, in honor of Israeli Minister of Justice Yacov Shimshon Shapiro; March 23rd, Young Israel of Val Royal Congregational dinner honoring Jack Fried, with Milt Moss as guest entertainer; March 29th, Shaare Zion Congregation testimonial dinner for Sam Cohen in the Synagogue auditorium, with George Jessel as guest entertainer; March 28th, Congregation Zichron Kedoshim dinner of tribute for Mrs. Abraham Gurman, president of the Synagogue Sisterhood, with George Jessel as guest entertainer; March 28th, Congregation Beth El and Town Lodge, B.B., annual dinner dance at Beth El, with guest entertainer Joey Adams; April 5th, Chevra Kadisha B'nai Jacob Congregational dinner, with Larry Best as guest entertainer.

TO CONFER

Israeli Prime Minister Golda Meir will be among the senior Israeli officials who will confer with a delegation of Montrealers which departed for the Middle East on Wednesday. The delegation of fifteen, which will spend two weeks in Israel studying the nation's health and welfare needs, is led by Mrs. J. A. Lyone Heppner, chairman of the Campaign Committee, Women's Federation, Allied Jewish Community Services. Five of the participants are men, including Mrs. Heppner's husband who is president of the Jewish Convalescent Hospital in Laval.

The study mission is scheduled to return on April 1st.

EVENTS IN MONTREAL

From Friday, March 20 to Thursday, March 26

Saturday, March 21:

7:30 p.m. - Montreal Women's ORT FANTASY BALL, Queen Elizabeth Hotel.

Sunday, March 22:

8:00 p.m. - Beth Zion Purim Dinner Symphony Concert

Tuesday, March 24:

National Women's League Conference at Shaare Zion

—KEYNOTE SPEAKER. - Dr. Josef Burg, Israeli Minister of Social Welfare, who will address the opening session of the Federated Zionist Organization of Canada at its convention meeting, Saturday night, April 11th, at Montreal's Queen Elizabeth Hotel. The conference will end April 13th.

HONORED GUEST. - Jack Fried, who will be honored by the Young Israel Congregation of Val Royal at a testimonial dinner and dance on behalf of the Montreal State of Israel Bond program, Sunday night, March 29th, in the Synagogue auditorium.

TO BE HONORED. - Mrs. Abraham (Marcia) Gurman, Sisterhood president of Zichron Kedoshim Synagogue who will be honored by the Congregation at a testimonial dinner on behalf of State of Israel Bonds of Montreal, Saturday, March 28th, in the Synogogue auditorium. George Jessel will be guest entertainer.

HONOREE. - Harry H. Kliger, Q.C., in whose honor a testimonial dinner will be given by Congregation Shomrim Laboker-Beth Yehudah-Shaare Tefillah Women's Group and Men's Club, Sunday evening; April 12th, at the Community Hall on Westbury, in support of Montreal's State of Israel Bonds.

DINNER DANCE ORGANIZER. - Morris I. Moscovitch, president of Congregation Chevra Kadisha-B'nai Jacob, who has announced that a dinner dance will be held honoring the State of Israel, in conjunction with the Montreal Israel Bond Organization, Sunday, April 5th, in the main auditorium of the synagogue. Larry Best, mimic, story teller and dialectician, will entertain.

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PILOT DISMISSED

Amsterdam, JCNS. - KLM, the Dutch national airlines, is to dismiss one of its aircraft captains for refusing to fly on the Lydda-Amsterdam-New York route.

Captain Jan van Riemsdijk, who lives in Portugal, refused to fly a DC-8 on this route last September, even though the aircraft and its crew had been chartered by El Al, the Israeli national airline.

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The public is taking the measure calmly. Those going abroad perhaps once in a lifetime have accepted it as part of Israel's new economic policy, necessitated by the enormous defense expenditure. Those who travel often, professionally, doubtless will find means of obtaining a special allocation.

Israelis traveling abroad privately and paying travel tax, which amounts to about 400 Israel pounds (about $133), now will be given $250. This includes children up to twelve years old and people going abroad to study.

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BROMSTEIN, JOSEPH. - On March 12th, late of 6030 Bathurst St.
CADESKY, ANNIE. - On March 11th, late of 3896 Bathurst St.
GOLD, ABRAHAM. - On March 13th, late of 139 Coombe Ave.
GOLDHAR, HARRY. - On March 11th, late of 63 Laurelcrest Ave.
KLEIMAN, DAVID. - On March 16th, late of 9 Roseneath Gardens.
KORNBLOOM, FANNY. - On March 16th, formerly of Toronto.
LEVIN, JOSEPH. - On March 10th, late of 12 Dewborne Ave.
LIPMAN, CHARLES. - On March 15th, late of 90 Greensides Ave.
LUCKI, WOLFE. - On March 17th, late of 305 Homewood Ave.
MALZMAN, ISAAC. - On March 13th, late of 575A College St.
MARGULIES, FREDA. - On March 13th, late of 3560 Bathurst St.
METZ, KARL. - On March 13th, late of North Bay, Ontario.
RODZINSKI, ROSE. - On March 15th, late of 4415 Bathurst St.
SHARF, EVA. - On March 14th, late of 90 Ava Rd.
SMOLAR, DIANA. - On March 10th, late of 261 Searle Ave.
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BULLETINS

LEBANESE BORDER

(JCNS) While Arab terrorist leaders have informed the Beirut Government that the training of terrorists in refugee camps in the Lebanon has now ended, Israeli Army sources have reported a serious escalation of terrorist activity along the northern border.

A military spokesman said terrorists were now active from Mount Hermon to the coastline, but it was too early yet to say if the situation was getting out of hand.

Incidents had also increased along the Syrian ceasefire line, but on the Jordan front there had been a marked decrease. There were only 34 incidents last week, the lowest for a long time.

The spokesman said this was possibly due to the fact that the terrorists were "busy elsewhere in their confrontation with the Jordanian Government".

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BUILDING FENCES

Tel Aviv - (JCNS) - Israel is taking urgent measures to strengthen her northern border with Lebanon by all means possible to check the infiltration of Arab saboteurs.

These steps will include the building of fences similar to those existing on the Jordan ceasefire line, and other obstacles.

This had become necessary owing to the spread of saboteur concentrations in southern Lebanon to the west, from the so called Fatah country, east of the River Hasbani, all along Israel's border.

In the past the majority of incidents -- relatively rare on this frontier -- involved only shooting across the border which usually was ineffective.

Observers here wonder how long the Israelis will limit themselves to passive defensive measures.

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PAYS TRIBUTE TO AIR TERRORIST VICTIMS

Bonn, JCNS. - The Bundesrat, the West German Upper House, paid tribute last Friday to the victims of Arab terrorist action against civil airlines and the seven inmates who died in the fire deliberately started at the Jewish old people's home in Munich last month.

Albert Osswald, the acting president said that the House shared the indignation of people all over the world and it asked that every possible action should be taken to prevent a repetition of such crimes.

Osswald, who also is Minister-President of the State of Hess, said that the House would help the West German Government in all steps aimed at safeguarding the security of international aviation and the lives of the passengers.

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"ULPAN" FOR CONVERSIONS

Jerusalem JCSN. - Dr. Zerah Warhaftig, Minister of Religious Affairs, last week ordered a study as to whether it is possible to create an "ulpan for conversion". This would give candidates for conversions an opportunity to study material they need in a speedy and systematic manner. At his request, the two Chief Rabbis of Israel also will study the possibility of setting up Batei Din specializing in conversion cases.

CALLS ON JEWISH YOUTH

New York, JCNS. - The American Jewish Committee this week called for more vigorous programs on behalf of Israel among Jewish youth "lest Israel lose the source of strength it has found in American Jewry."

In an article in the American Jewish Committee Newsletter, distributed to the Committee's membership throughout the United States, the organization declares: "We have always cared about Israel, but ever since the Six Day War we discovered that she meant far more to us American Jews than we had realized. And this meaning is still growing deeper. Even if we did not feel it, the outward signs are there: Opposition to Israel has all but vanished, while giving for Israel continues at spectacular levels."

Referring to the attitudes of American Jews towards Israel, the Newsletter stated that despite the fact that "when Israel was saved, grown men and women among us wept with joy, as a group we will remain Americans without ifs or but. We do not look upon Israel as a second home for ourselves in any literal sense."

SYRIA

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explosions were heard. Syria admitted it lost three planes.

This was the first instalment paid by Zahal. It was a warning that Syria should refrain from escalating the border area. It proved that the Syrian pilots had not improved since the Six Day War. The Israel Army spokesman expressed hope that the result of the lost airfight had taught Damascus the necessary lesson, that the border with Israel would be quieter from now on.

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A supplementary list of concentration camps has been issued by the German government.

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PANEL DISCUSSION

A panel discussion was held at Pioneer Women of Toronto's annual International Women's Day celebrations, Tuesday evening. Topic: Are Women Coping or Copping Out? The panel, representing four countries, consisted of: Margaret Renwick, NDP, MPP for Scarboro Center, Canada: Rivka Gonen, assistant curator, the Youth Wing, Israel Museum, Jerusalem; Hideko Umeda, Assistant to Cultural and Information Officer, Consulate General of Japan; Solveig Westman, decorator consultant, cofounders, Karelia of Toronto, Indian Eskimo Art, Sweden. Moderator: Lorraine Thomson.

FASHION SHOW

Shaarei Tefillah Sisterhood will present a fashion show, Spring Into '70, with music and models, Wednesday evening, March 25th. Guest soloist: 12-year-old Lynne Gangbar.

TO BE HONORED

Mrs. Kate Devor will be honored by Mizrachi-Hapoel Hamizrachi at a luncheon on Monday at the Zionist Center. She has been Council treasurer for twenty-five years. Next month she leaves for Israel on Aliyah.

GENERAL MEET

Sisterhood of Beth Am recently held a general meeting. Theme of discussion centered on drugs.

THEME

The National Council of Jewish Women, Toronto Section, has chosen as the theme of its annual Angels' Ball, Expo '70 in Japan. The ball will be held on Saturday evening, April 4th, at the Royal York. Ball chairman: Mrs. Herbert Green.

FINAL LECTURE

The final lecture of the 1969-70 health lecture series of the Women's Auxiliary, New Mount Sinai Hospital, will take place in the auditorium of the hospital, Wednesday afternoon, April 8th. Theme: The New Morality and Sexual Behavior.

Panelists include Dr. Roland R. Suran, specialist in Obstretics and Gynaecology, Dr. Richard Meen, specialist in Psychiatry, and Mrs. Marcia Wargon, head of the Social Service Department, New Mount Sinai Hospital.

PARTY

Shaarei Tefillah Congregation will have a wine and cheese party preceding an art auction, Sunday evening, April 5th.

FASHION SHOW

The Junior Auxiliary of the Canadian Cancer Society will present its annual fashion show, Thursday, April 9th, at the Inn on the Park.

EVENING OF POETRY

The Jewish Studies Department, McGill University, in conjunction with Hillel, will present an evening of American Yiddish poetry under the direction of Toba Glasrot, Thursday evening, March 26th, in Moyse Hall Arts Building on the University campus.

NORWAY MAY BAR ARABS

Oslo (JCNS) -- Restrictions on the entry of Arab nationals to Norway are being considered by the Ministry of Justice, a Ministry official reports.

There are several hundred Arab nationals in Norway at present, most of whom have found employment in the country.

WHAT THE WELL DRESSED LAD WILL WEAR. - A whiff of up to date fashion, which will be shown at the tea and fashion show tendered by the Parents' Association of Toronto's Associated Hebrew Schools, Sunday afternoon, April 5th, in the school's auditorium.

INSTRUMENTAL IN FASHION SHOW SUCCESS. - Mrs. Morley Cohen (left), fashion show chairman of Montreal's 1970 Israel Bond Fashion Show and Luncheon, and Ingrid Frances Katz, (right), in charge of staging and accessorizing, who are working hard for the success of the affair which will be held at the Queen Elizabeth Hotel, Sunday, April 29th. Admission is by minimum $250 purchase Israel Bond for 1970 to bolster Israel's economic development program.

HUMAN RELATIONS

Left Her Standing

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QUESTION:

I am a retired single woman, living alone. Recently, I had my three nephews in the city. The two older boys, 14 and 16, attended a matinee, a birthday gift from me, and the younger one, 8, spent the time with me. I escorted them back to the suburbs where they live.

The train was crowded. The younger boy found a seat, and then the two older boys. Neither one offered me a seat.

I couldn't help but mention the discourtesy of the older boys to their mother.

The father, my brother, said later that the older boy reasoned I didn't want to sit down, since I let the 8 year old take the seat.

The youngest was always affectionate to me and allowed me to respond. The older boys are not.

Now I discovered that the older boys have ridiculed the youngest for going about with me so much. He has suddenly become shy and self-conscious.

My brother thinks nothing of it. My sister-in-law feels she can do nothing. I resent terribly the implication that it is I who am at fault.

Why should so much dissension exist in this decent family?

ANSWER:

Parents find it hard at times to take the changes in their youngster's behavior, and also need time to adjust to their youngster's spurts in growth. Although they may complain and scold a bit, loving parents, putting their child's interests first, do not see changing behavior as a rejection of them. Relatives feel differently, sometimes.

While the two older nephews should certainly have offered you a seat, they may have played into your wish to appear as the loving adult, in whose life they came first. If anybody was to get hurt by a sudden lurch or stop in the overcrowded train, you didn't want it to be them.

But along with this possibility, their behavior could have been in reaction to their feeling that being treated like babies, they would act accordingly. They may always have wondered why you didn't speak up for yourself. By sitting down, they put you to the test of speaking up and asking for the seat.

To have a better relationship with your older nephews, you have to begin to communicate with them on a more grown-up level. You can be sure that they would prefer to have you discuss your complaints or criticisms directly with them, instead of talking about them behind their backs to their parents. Being permitted to answer your criticisms directly would make them feel they are finally getting from you the respect that they want.

The older brother is doing a real service for the youngest member of the family, although you may not like it, when he makes fun of him for wanting to go out with you so much. The message is that he should begin to spend more time with his peers, and to engage in activities with them.

The dissension is, to an extent, being created by you. When you complain to your brother and sister-in-law about their children, it says, in essence, that they have done a poor job in the rearing of their children.

Perhaps in the future, when you celebrate one of the children's birthdays, you might include the whole family. A better and closer relationship with your sister-in-law would undoubtedly bring about a family closeness where you would feel truly and lovingly included.

FAMILIAR PATTERN

by Ruthie

I don't care who, everybody has a mishoogahs (craze). Everybody -- at least, everybody I know -- saves something. Buttons, string, paper bags. Anything vus folt ahn (loosely, that comes to mind).

With me it's clothing. I always bought (and still do) such expensive things, I used to feel it was a navayra (sin) to throw them out.

But I finally gave in when I moved recently. What decided me? Nu, the less junk I had, the less the cost of moving.

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Take shoes. My children laugh because I'm mad at myself for having thrown out my old platform shoes, the hit of the 1940s.

At first I couldn't stand them. I used to call them "cripple" shoes. But when everybody goes for something, you do too. And after awhile you think it's gorgeous. So I got used to them.

My favorite was a pair of black patent leather with a thick, red platform sole. I wore them for years with all black and a red crocodile bag.

Gosh, would they come in handy now!

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I came across my wedding shoes. Well, they surely gave me aggravation. I couldn't get them on; my feet are two sizes larger, as is the rest of me.

The kids can't get over the change. So when they start teasing, I just tell them they're the cause. That shuts them up fast.

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The other day, in a newspaper, I came across a series of photos showing the evolution of dresses from 1914 on.

Well, when I looked at the first one, I knew what Mama meant when she'd say,

"Just what I wore when I was a girl."

Because that style was exactly like the one of the late '40s, after World War II, when it was called the New Look.

And the minis, I noticed are like the dresses of the 1920s.

Now the new maxis with the flared skirts remind me of the dirndls I used to wear, with the wide, tight, waist-shrinking belts.

I'd save a fortune if I still had the things.

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The other day Janie came home with a matziyah (bargain). She proudly held out a crochet snood.

"Nu, so that's original?" I scoffed. "I used to wear it in all colors to hold my pageboy together."

In fact, the snood really came in handy. It covered all horrors. You didn't have to comb your hairdo for days; no one saw the mess.

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Midriffs are coming back this summer. You know, outfits with no middle except bare skin.

So what else is new? I remember wearing them wheeling the baby carriage on a hot day.

And nobody oggled. As a matter of fact, you looked like a freak if you were overdressed.

So the younger generation is going to teach us something? Ha!

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The only thing at which no one ever succeeded until now was landing on the moon. But no one could say we didn't try.

I remember the song, "I reach for you, like I reach for the moon. . ."

So at least we were reaching.

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And why all the fuss because men go in for long hair, brush moustaches and beards?

Look at every grandpa's picture. See anything different?

What about Ben Franklin, George Washington and others? Did their powdered wigs make them less manly?

At least today youngsters are growing their own hair -- nice and thick. I bet the wigs of yesteryear covered a lot of bald spots.

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No, there's really nothing new under the sun.

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A YEMENITE WEDDING

by Diana Lerner

The darkly attractive Yemenite woman was trying to keep the bride from fidgeting. She fingered tiers and tiers of richly embroidered material and the chains of jewelry made a heavy jingling sound that blended with the music outside.

Shoshana Kornfeld was following in the footsteps of her mother and grandmother. Their profession in Aden had been to dress the bride for the wedding ceremony. But today the place was a suburb of Tel Aviv, a far cry from the land of her birth.

Like thousands of other Yemenites, she abandoned Arabia for Israel during the famous "Operation Magic Carpet".

"When I came to The Land and saw our brides wearing white like the brides of ordinary Jews, my heart sank", Shoshana, a comely 50, recalls with a shudder.

"What would happen to the old tradition?" she asked herself. How would the young girls know what they were supposed to wear on their wedding day?

Shoshana decided the art and tradition of adorning the bride must be brought from her native Yemen to Israel. She wrote immediately to her old mother, still in the Yemen capital of Sana'a, about the terrifying fact that here in the land of Israel, where Jews could follow their religion as they wished, the old customs preserved for centuries under oppression were being allowed to vanish.

She begged her mother under no circumstances to sell any of the family heirlooms for the Yemenite wedding, even if she had to starve. Bit by bit, she resolved, she would bring these precious treasures to her new home and continue the family tradition.

The hardship in bringing to Israel all these costumes -- the veils, skirts, tons of material, special embroidery, finely wrought jewelry and delicate trimmings -- cannot be imagined, she said.

"We brought them here, carton by carton. We endured

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HONORED. - Mr. and Mrs. M. Kurtz of Toronto and their grandchildren, at their recent 50th wedding anniversary. The Kurtz' became members of the Millionaire Club, a project launched by the Mizrachi-Hapoel Hamizrachi Women's Organization at its recent convention held in Toronto.

Recipe for the week

POPPY SEED COOKIES

3/4 cup sugar
1/2 cup vegetable oil
2 eggs
1 tsp. grated lemon peel
4 tsp. lemon juice
2-1/2 cups sifted flour
2 tsp. baking powder
1/2 tsp. salt
1 pkg. (2 oz.) poppy seeds

Cream together sugar and oil. Add eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition. Add lemon peel and lemon juice. Sift together flour, baking powder and salt. Add to creamed mixture. Add poppy seeds. Roll portions of dough onto a lightly floured board or pastry cloth about 1/4-inch thick. Cut with pastry wheel or cookie cutter into squares or triangles. Place on lightly greased cookie sheet. Bake in moderate 350-degree oven 10 to 15 minutes or until edges are slightly browned. Yield: about 6 dozen.

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YEMEN STYLE WEDDING

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hunger and many anxieties until we had each piece safely in our hands. They were the priceless possessions that had been part of our family for generations. But at last we had them all here and I thought I could use these costumes to give the atmosphere of a traditional wedding ceremony in the old land."

Since the age of eight Shoshana has been collecting beads and trinkets for the bride. Since she was five she has been embroidering.

It therefore was no problem to add a few intricate stitches where needed, or even make new outfits -- exact replicas of those of the past. In fact, the life-sized tableaux at the Israel Museum in Jerusalem displaying the colorful costumes of the Yemenite community are her work.

Her occupation, however, is dressing the Yemenite bride in the costume of her ancestors. She comes laden with boxes and cartons to the home of the bride and hires out entire outfits from head to toe to the bride and wedding guests. For the wedding gown, she charges about $23, a sum considerably lower than that for the white dress of the Ashkenazi bride.

Even a sabra of Yemenite origin who marries an Ashkenazi often prefers to be dressed as her grandmother was and to celebrate the wedding in the old tradition. Often the family has kept some of the old costumes so Yemenite weddings are splendid with the richly colored attire of the participants.

The bride's robe is made of cloth of gold while those of her women guests have fine silver thread trimming.

For centuries Yemenites have been famous for their delicate embroidery and intricate filagree jewelry. The most outstanding examples of it may be seen at a Yemenite wedding.

It takes about four to five hours to dress the bride. The triangular head gear, trimmed with flowers and brilliant with glittering jewelry, weighs over 40 lbs. It resembles a crown, for the bride is like a queen, Shoshana explains.

The Yemenite bride wears pantalon-type trousers. These are closely worked with embroidery and fastened at the ankles with red stitching, for luck. The material is rich and a star pattern is repeated in different places to symbolize the blessing, "Let the path of your life be strewn with stars."

Usually the young woman has her own jewelry or it is lent her by members of the family. If not, Shoshana provides that too. There must be a ring on every finger, masses of bracelets, chains of gold and silver necklaces, beads of amber and coral, pins and amulets shaped into the form of a tomb to recall the destruction of the Temple.

In a Yemenite village the wedding celebration lasts seven days. In accordance with tradition still observed in modern Israel, the bride's hands are dyed with red henna, which will not rub off for a month, thus commemorating the happy event.

On the henna night, women dance around the bride, their hands and feet colored with different dyes forming stripes which bear a strong resemblance to Yemenite embroidery. The incense burner carefully balanced on the head of the dancer is used, as it were, to perfume the path of the bride through life.

The women dance with pots and pans or beat out the rhythm with silver cutlery. Others stand around in circles clapping hands and holding blue candles. It is an all-women's celebration in which the children of the village take part. The bridegroom is not present.

He sees the bride for the first time on the fifth day of the celebrations and even then only briefly.

His mother and sisters lead the bride to the place of honor at the table and everyone gazes at the bride in wonder. Ours was riveted to one spot. How does she manage not to sag under the weight of the jewels and cloth, and the headgear from which only her eyes, nose and mouth show?

It is her great moment and links her with her mother. This is the day she has dreamed of all her life and she is ready to suffer a little discomfort to regale herself in the splendors of her past. Of that Shoshana is quite certain.

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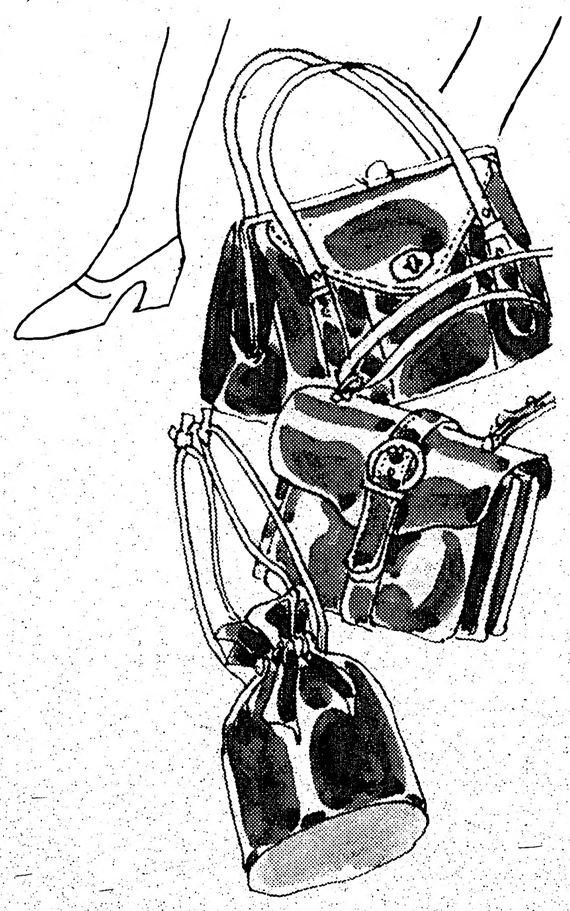

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